

MEMOIRS

OF THE

FAMILY

OF

CAVENDISH

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FAMILY CAVENDISH.



THE *Cavendishes*, like other Families of greatest Antiquity, derived a Name from their Place of Habitation. A younger Branch of the *Gernons*, famous in *Norfolk* and *Effex*, settled at *Cavendish* in *Suffolk*, and from that Seat and Estate were soon distinguish'd by that Surname. *John de Cavendish* was constituted one of the Justices of the King's Bench 1366. 39 Ed. III. and made Chief Justice of the same Court

Dugdale
Chron. Ser.

by *Claus. Writ*, 15 Jul. 46 Ed. III. 1373. In the next Reign he was continued in that Honourable Office, and had the Grant of One hundred Marks *per Ann.* by *Let.*

Dugdale,
Summon. Parl.

Pat. 26 Jun. 1 Ric. II. 1378. and had his Summons to Parliament by express Writ from 46 Ed. III. to 5 Ric.

II. when upon the insurrection raised in *Kent* under *Straw* and *Tyler*, the Mob was animated to rise in other parts, and particularly in *Suffolk*, a Body of Fifty Thousand made it their Triumph to plunder and murder the Lawyers, and insulting the House

Tho. Walsing.
Sub Ann. 1381.

of the Lord Chief Justice *Cavendish*, they brought him out, and beheaded him, as their Accomplices had done to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and other Chief Ministers.

Hereologica
Anglia. Au-
thore H. H. p.
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Of the same Family was the glorious Seaman, Captain *Thomas Cavendish*, born in *Suffolk*, who finish'd his noble Expedition round the World in *Sept.* 1588. and making an other like Attempt in 1591. died in his Return, and deserv'd a Place among the English Heroes.

Of this Family was Mr. *Cavendish*, who in the Reign of Queen *Mary*, wrote the Life and Death of Cardinal *Wolfey*, to whom he had been Gentleman Usher, and attended him in all his Glory and Misery. It seems probable, that the Gardinal, born in *Suffolk*, took this Gentleman out of the same County into his splendid Family, wherein (as

Cecil's Memo-
rial to Queen
Elizabeth.

my Lord Treasurer *Burligh* told the Queen.) He had one Earl, nine Barons, and about one thousand Knights, Gentlemen, and inferior Officers. Mr. *Cavendish* was admitted

admitted to more Intimacy with his Lord, and yet not as any other Servant; and therefore would not desert him in his Fall, but honourably waited on his old Master, when he had no Office and no Salary to bestow upon him. The King himself had heard of the Abilities and Fidelity of this Gentleman, and therefore he sent him word in the Cardinal's last Sickness, by one of his Privy Chamber, how the King's Majesty bore unto him his principal Favour, for the Love and diligent Service that he had perform'd to his Lord; and for which it was the King's Pleasure that he should be about him as Chief, in whom his Highness would put a great Confidence and Trust. As soon as he had paid his last Respects of Burial to the Cardinal at Leicester, he hasten'd to Court, and was immediately call'd in by the King; who after long Conference, was so well pleas'd with him, that he concluded, *Go your ways to Sir John Gage, our Vice Chamberlain, to whom we have spoken already to admit you to be our Servant in our Chamber, and then go to the Lord of Norfolk, and he shall pay you your whole Year's Wages, and a Reward beside.* To give a more lasting Testimony of his Gratitude to the Cardinal, he drew up a fair Account of his Life and Death, of which the oldest Copy is in the Hands of the noble Family of Pierpoint, into which the Author's Daughter was married: For without express Authority, we may gather from Circumstances, that this very Writer was the Head of the present Family.

The same Person with the immediate Founder of the present noble Family *William Cavendish* of *Chatworth*, *Com. Derb.* Esq; who being a Man of Learning and Business was found out and employed by *K. Hen. VIII.* and in the 31 of his Reign, was made one of the Auditors of the Court of Augmentation, and discharged the Trust with such Fidelity and Expedition, that the King promoted him, *Regn. 37.* not only to be Treasurer of his Chamber, but to be one of his Privy Council. He bore the same Relation to King *Ed. VI.* and Queen *Mary*, receiving the Honour of Knighthood, and a large Accession of Estate, by Grant of Lands belonging to several dissolved Priories and Abbies in exchange for his Mannors of *Northal* in *Hartfordshire*, and *Northawbery* in *Lincolnshire*, &c. But the greatest Addition to his Fortunes was made by a prudent and happy Match with *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Co-heir of *John Hardwick* of *Hardwick Com. Derb.* Esq; by *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Thomas Leak* of *Loxland*, Esq;

This beautiful and discreet Woman had to her first Husband *Robert Barley* of *Barley Com. Derb.* Esq; whose large Estate she got settled on her and her Heirs, having no Issue by him. Under these good Circumstances, she took for a second Husband this *Sir William Cavendish*, by whom she had a hopeful Number of Sons and Daughters, 1. *Henry* placed at *Tutbury Com. Suff.* dying with,

William I.

Thoroton Nottinghamshire,
p. 186. b.

Match with *Elizabeth*

Dugd. Bar 420.
Thoroton. ib.
187.

His Wife *Elizabeth*.

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one in the 12th Oct. 1616. 2. *William* Heir to the whole Estate, and first Earl of *Devonshire*. 3. *Charles* settled at *Wellbeck Cam.* Nov. Father of *William* Baron *Ogle*, Lord *Cavendish* of *Bolesower*, Viscount *Mansfield*, Earl, Marquis and Duke of *Newcastle*. 4. *Francis* married to Sir *Henry Pierpoint* of *Holm Pierpoint Cam.* Nov.

5. *Elizabeth* to *Charles Stuart*, Earl of *Lenox*, younger Brother to the Father of King *James*, by whom she was the Mother of that incomparable Lady *Anabella*, so nearly related to the Crown, that State Jealousie confin'd Her, and sacrific'd Her in the Tower, and 6. *Mary* to *Gilbert* Earl of *Shrewsbury*. A rare Example of two Brothers founding two several Dukedoms; and the Sisters match'd, one into the most noble Familie of *England*, and the other into a direct Branch of the Royal Family of *Great Britain*.

After the Death of Sir *William Cavendish*, this wise Lady rejected many Offers, and then accepted of Sir *William St. Lo*, Captain of the Guard to Queen *Elizabeth*. Owner of a great Estate, which in Articles of Marriage, she took care should be settled on her and her own Heirs, in default of Issue; and accordingly, having no Child by him, she liv'd to enjoy his whole Estate, excluding his former Daughters and Brothers.

In this third Widowhood, she had not survived her Countess of *Shrewsbury*. Charms of Wit and Beauty, by which she captivated the then greatest Subject of the Realm, *George* Earl of *Shrewsbury*, whom she brought to Terms of the greatest

Honour and Advantage to her self and Children; for he not only yielded to a considerable Jointure, but to an Union of Families, by taking *Mary* her youngest Daughter to Wife of *Gilbert* his Son, and afterwards his Heir; and giving the Lady *Grace*, his youngest Daughter, to *Henry* her eldest Son. On Nov. 18. 1590. She was a fourth time left, and to death continued a Widow. A Change of Conditions that perhaps never fell to any one Woman, to be four times a creditable and happy Wife, to rise by every Husband into greater Wealth and higher Honours, to have an unanimous Issue by one Husband only; to have all those Children live, and all by her Advice be creditably disposed of in her Life time; and after all to live seventeen Years a Widow in absolute Power and Plenty.

This Countess Dowager of *Shrewsbury* built three of the most elegant Seats, that were ever rais'd by one Hand within the same County, beyond Example, *Charsworth*, *Hardwick*, and *Oldcotes*, all transmitted entire to the late Duke. At *Hardwick* she left the ancient Seat of her Family standing, and at a small distance still adjoining to her new Fabrick, as if she had a mind to preserve her Cradle, and set it by her Bed of State. That old House has one Room in it of such exact Proportion, and such convenient Lights, that it has been thought fit for a Pattern of Measure and Contrivance to the most noble *Blenheim*. It must not be forgotten, that this Lady had the Honour to be Keeper of *Mary* Queen of *Scots* committed Prisoner to *George* Earl of *Shrewsbury* for seventeen Years. Her Chamber and Rooms of State, with her Arms and other Ensigns

signs are still remaining at *Hardwick*, her Bed was taken away for Plunder in the Civil Wars. At *Chatsworth*, the new Lodgings that answer the old are called the *Queen of Scots Apartment*, and an Island Place on the Top of a square Tower built in a large Pool is still call'd the *Queen of Scots Garden*; and some of her own Royal Work is still preserved among the Treasures of this Family: A Carpet embroidered with her Needle, and particularly a Suit of Hangings, now remaining in a Chamber at *Hardwick*, wherein all the Virtues are represented in Symbolical Figures and Allusive Mottos, and Ornament and a Lecture. The Earl's own Epitaph does betray that he was suspected of Familiarity with his Royal Prisoner, *quod a malevolis propter suspectam cum captiva Regina familiaritatem sapius male audivit*, which is not to be imagin'd true: However the Rumour of it was no doubt an Exercise of Temper and Virtue to the Countess, who carried her self to the Queen, and the Earl her Husband, with all becoming Respect and Duty. Full of Years and all worldly Comforts she died 13 Feb. 1607. and was buried in the South Isle of *All-Hallows Church* in *Derby* (where she had founded an Hospital for twelve poor People) under a fair Tomb, which she took care to erect in her own Life time, and whereon a remarkable Epitaph was afterward inscribed.

The great Estate descended to her second Son *William*, who by the Favour of King *James*, was by Letters Patented 4 Maii 3 Jacobi advanced to the Dignity of Baron *Cavendish* of *Hardwick*, and growing in repute, was created Earl of *Devonshire* 7 Aug. 16. Jac. he married two Wives, 1. *Anne* Daughter and Heir to *Henry Kighley* of *Kighley* in *Com. Ebor. Esq*; by whom he had (like his Mother) three Sons and three Daughters. 1. *Gilbert*, who died a young Man of incomparable Parts, and left a very ingenious Book, entituled, *Hora Subseciva, Observations and Discourses*, &c. 2. *William*, his Heir and Successor. 3. *James*, who died in his Infancy. 4. *Frances*, married to Sir *William Maynard*, afterwards created Lord *Maynard*. 5. and 6. *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, who both died young. His Second Wife was *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Edward Boughton* of *Causon*, *Com. Warwic. Esq*; and Widow of Sir *Richard Wortley* of *Wortley Com. Ebor. Knight*, by whom he had Issue Sir *John Cavendish*, Knight of the *Bath* at the Coronation of Prince *Charles*, dying soon after. He himself departed this Life on the 3 Day of *March* 1625. and was buried at *Endsfor* near *Chatsworth*.

William his Son and Heir, having travelled into *France* and *Italy*, under the Tuition of Mr. *Thomas Hobbs*, (who had been taken into his Father's Service under 20 Years of Age from *Oxford* in 1607.) was by the Policy of King *James*, married to *Christian*, only Daughter to his great Favourite, *Edward Lord Bruce* of

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William 1. Earl of *Devonshire*.

Dugdal. Bar.

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William II.

Earl of *Devon-*

shire.

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Kinlosse in Scotland, whose great Services were rewarded by this Match into a Rich and noble English Family: And for the better Grace, the King gave her with his own Hand, and made her Fortune Ten Thousand Pounds; and solicited for a better Settlement on them, telling the old Lord *Cavendish*, after his Marriage with a second Wife, that his Son being match'd into a Family, for which he was so nearly concerned, he

Life of *Christian Countess of Devonshire*.
P. 24.

would expect accordingly, that out of that plentiful Estate, such a Proportion be settled, as that Sir *William* might bear up the Port of his Father's Son, and his Lady the Quality of the King's Kinswoman, which Mediation proved so effectual, that the Lord *Cavendish* did what the King thought reasonable. By this excellent Lady he had Issue, 1. *William* his Heir, 2. *Charles*, Colonel in the King's Army, 3. *Henry*, who died young, and 4. *Anne*, married to *Robert Lord Rich*, Son and Heir to *Robert Earl of Warwick*: This noble Earl was beloved and admired in both Houses of Parliament, and a great Speaker in them; Mr. *Hobbs* gives a shining Character of him to very great

His Character by Mr. *Hobbs* in an Epistle to his Son.

Advantage. 'By the Experience of many Years, I had the Honour to serve him, I know this, there was not Any who more really, and less for Glories sake favoured those that studied the Liberal Arts liberally than my Lord your Father did, nor in whose House a Man should less need the University than in his. For his own Study it was bestowed for, the most part in that kind of Learning, which best deserveth the Pains and Hours of great Persons, *History* and *Civil Knowledge*, and directed not to the Ostentation of his Reading, but to the Government of his Life, and the Publick Good; for he so read, that the Learning that he took in by Study, by Judgment he digested and converted into Wisdom and Ability to benefit his Country: To which he also applied himself with Zeal, but such as took no Fire, either from Faction or Ambition. And as he was a most Able Man for Soundness of Advice, and clear Expression of himself in Matters of Difficulty and Consequence, both in Publick and Private; so also was he one whom no Man was able either to draw or juggle out of the strait Path of Justice. Of which Virtue, I know not whether he deserved more by his Severity in imposing it (as he did to his last Breath) on himself, or by his Magnanimity in not exacting it to himself from others. No Man better discerned of *Men*, and therefore was he constant in his Friendships, because he regarded not the *Fortune* nor *Adherence*, but the Men; with whom also he conversed with an Openness of Heart, that had no other Guard than his own Integrity, and that *Nil confire*. To His Equals He carried Himself equally, and to his Inferiours familiarly; but maintaining his Respect fully, and only with the Native Splendor of his Worth. In Sum, he was one in whom might plainly be perceived, that *Honour* and *Honesty* are but the same thing in the different Degrees of Persons.

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He contracted a vast Debt by his excessive Gallantry, and glorious way of living; and so departed this Life at his House without Bishop-gate in London (where Devonshire Square is now built) 20 June 1628. and was buried in the Vault at All-Hallow's Church in Derby, leaving in Minority.

William his Son and Heir at nine Years of Age under the Care of his Mother, the Countess Dowager, whose clear Joyniture was no less than 5000 l. a Year, to which she added 4000 l. by her own prudent Menage. Her Son's Estate was charged and complicated with near thirty Law-Suits, which by the Cunning and Power of her Adversaries were made as perplex'd and as tedious as possible; yet by Right manag'd with Diligence and Resolution she went thro' them all with Satisfaction; so as K. Charles jestingly said to her, *Madam, you have all my Judges at your Disposal.* While these Controversies were depending she committed her Son to his Father's Tutor, Mr. Hobbs, who instructed him in the Family for three Years; and then about 1634. In 1631. Vitztravell'd with him as his Governor into France and Italy, Hobb. Auctar. p. 41. with the longest stay in Paris for all the politer parts of Breeding. He return'd in 1637, and when he soon after came of Age, his Mother delivered up to him his great Houses in Derbyshire, all ready furnish'd. He married Elizabeth, second Daughter of William Cecil Earl of Salisbury, by whom he had Issue, William Lord Cavendish late Duke of Devonshire; Charles, who died unmarried about the Year 1670. buried at Derby; and one Daughter, Anne, first married to Charles Lord Rich, only Son to Charles Earl of Warwick, and afterwards to John Lord Burghley, afterwards Earl of Exeter; she travell'd with her Husband twice to Rome, and attended him at his Death in his last Return near Paris: She died in June 1703. in St. Martins in the Fields London, and was buried near her Husband in a new Vault within the Church of St. Martins in Stanford, under an elegant Monument brought among other exquisite Works from Rome.

This Earl of Devonshire was so much a Cavendish in the very outward Appearance, that Mr. Hobbs call'd him the Image of his Father, being of a comely Shape and Aspect: And therefore he ended a publick Epistle to him with this Prayer, *That it would please God to give him Virtues suitable to the fair Dwelling he had prepared for them.* He is said to have been season'd with the just Tincture of all private and publick Virtues, and to have made an early Express of the severest Loyalty mixed with the noblest Resolution in that famous Occasion of the Earl of Strafford's Bill, and many others; being then firm to the true Interest of his Prince and Country. He followed the King in the North, and at York in June 1642 he was one of those Noble Peers who subscribed a Declaration of their bearing Testimony of his Majesty's frequent and earnest Declarations and Professions of his abhorring all Designs of making War upon his Parliament. When he saw a Party in the two Houses too strong to be satisfied, he

William III.
Earl of Devon-
shire.

In 1631. Vitztravell'd with him as his Governor into France and Italy, Hobb. Auctar. p. 41.

Clarendon's
Hist. Vol. 1. p.
508.

Supplied the King with Money, attended him in his Parliament at Oxford, and lent him his own Brother to take the Field : And then He retired beyond the Seas to wait for Peace at home. This Recess could give him no Repose ; he was thrust into the number of *Delinquents*, his great Estate

Whistock's Memoirs, Octob. 1645.

was sequestred, and when by the Mediation of his Friends an Ordinance was depending for his *Composition* in October 1645. Order was given for his Return by such a Day. We are well inform'd, that This noble Lord was fortified against all Surprizes from mean and mischievous

Principles, and that in all publick Concerns he directed his Course by the Rules of Honour and Justice ; that nothing could tempt him to a dishonest Action, nor to preserve himself but together with his Reputation. He chose Sequestration rather than to prevaricate in the least tittle from Christian Fortitude and Nobleness, or to change his Propositions according to the Necessities or Advantages of the Season. Nor would he at last have been prevailed with to remove any part of his Troubles, or the Sequestration from his Estate, but by the Importunity, or rather the Commands of his Mother ; detesting in itself what in Duty to her he complied with.

Colonel Charles Cavendish.

His Brother, *Charles Cavendish*, was bred to Books and Arms; and was in both a Glory of the latter Age. He was born in London, May the 20th. 1620. the King was his Godfather and named him *Charles*. After a strict tuition in his Father's House, at eighteen Years of Age he was sent to travel with a Governour. He went first to *Paris*, and hearing much of the French Army then in the Field near *Luxembourg*, he was so impatient for such a View, that he stole away to the Camp without the Knowledge of his Governour ; who hearing of the Frolick, followed him in great Pain, and brought him back to his Studies at *Paris*. The Year following he spent in *Italy*, and made his Chief Stages at *Naples*, *Rome*, and *Venice* ; from whence, in the next Spring, he embark'd for *Constantinople*, dropping his Governour and English Servants, as knowing that a Traveller may learn most from Strangers. After a long Circuit by Land thro' *Norolin*, he went by Sea to *Alexandria*, thence to *Cairo*, and was brought by way of *Malta* to *Spain*, and back to *Paris*, and after some Conversation with the Court return'd to *England*, about the end of May 1641.

When he had paid his Duty to his Mother, he was presented to the King and Queen, and was graciously receiv'd by them, and much caress'd by the most eminent Persons about the Court. For, says the intimate Friend and Writer of his Life, "the Sun behest not a Youth of a more manly Figure, and more winning Presence. His Inclinations determin'd him to Arms, and therefore his Mother the Countess design'd to have bought for him Colonel *Goring's* Regiment of Foot in *Holland* : So he went over to be train'd up there in the Prince of *Orange's* Army, the most eminent School of War. When he had pass'd one Campaign he came over

over again to *England*, about the end of *November 1641*. And when soon after, the King by Tumults in the Streets, and greater Distractions in the Two Houses, was forc'd to retire to *York*, the Earl of *Devonshire*, and his Brother Mr. *Cavendish* repair'd thither to offer their Duty and Services to their distressed Prince.

The Writer of his Mother's Life thinks fit to say,
• He was a Person of so much Address and Valour, that Life of Chri-
• those brave Gentlemen of the Temple, who offer'd stian Countess
• themselves as a Guard to the King's Person, chose him Dowager, p. 49.
• for their Captain, knowing he would thither lead
• them, where Law, Honour, and Conscience would oblige them to fol-
• low. But I doubt this was a Mistake, for Major *Tuke*, who serv'd un-
der Collonel *Cavendish*, and was sent by him to wait upon the Queen, in
Her March from *Burlington*, and as soon as he came up
to the Coach, Her Majesty told him, Sir, I remember Life of Collo-
you very well, you are he who the last Christmas was nel Cavendish,
twelve Month came in the Head of the Inns of Court MSS.
Gentlemen, to offer your Service to my Lord the King.

At *York*, Mr. *Cavendish* put himself among the Noblemen and Gentle-
men Volunteers, who desired to be put under Command for the King's
Service; and made it is Choice to ride in the King's own Troop, com-
manded by my Lord *Bernard Stuart* his Kinsman, Brother to the Duke
of *Richmond*; among so many considerable Persons for Qualities and For-
tunes, that the King was heard to say, 'The Revenues of those in that
'single Troop would buy the Estates of my Lord of *Essex*, and of all the
'Officers in his Army.

He march'd in this Troop till the Battel of *Edge-Hill* 23 *Octob. 1642*,
when the King, in Respect and Tendernefs to those gallant Men, would
not expose them to equal hazard with the rest of the Cavalry, but re-
serv'd them for a Guard to his own Person. Mr. *Cavendish* supposing this
to be no Post of Danger, and therefore not of Honour, prevail'd with my
Lord *Bernard Stuart*, that they should wait upon the King, and intreat
his Leave to be drawn up on the right Hand of the right Wing of the
Horse, as the most open and most honourable Place in the Battel; to
which his Majesty upon their Importunity consented. And this indeed
prov'd to be the Post of hottest Service, and of greatest Success: Wherein
Mr. *Cavendish* so distinguish'd himself by a Personal Valour, that the Lord
Aubigny (who commanded the Duke of *York's* Troop) being slain, he was
prefer'd to that Charge before many other Pretenders of eminent Birth
and Merit.

This Troop was soon after put into the Prince of *Wales's* Regiment,
wherein the superior Officer put something upon Captain *Cavendish*,
which he thought an Indignity; and therefore he desired his Majesty to
assign him a thousand Pounds (which his own Brother the Earl of *Devon-*
shire had presented to the King) promising, that if his Majesty would be
pleas'd to let him have the Duke of *York's* Troop out of the Prince of
B *Wales's*

Wales's Regiment, he would go into the North and raise the Duke a complete Regiment of Horse, before the Army could take the Field; to which the King consented, assuring him the Honour of being Collonel of his new Regiment.

In order to complete it, he accepted of *Thomas Markham*, Esq; to be his Lieutenant Collonel, and Mr. *Tuke* for the Captain of his first Troop, and took his Head Quarter at *Newark*, and kept under many of the Rebel Garrisons at *Nottingham*, and other neighbouring Parts, and by Degrees became Master of the whole Country; so that the King's Commissioners for *Lincolnshire* and *Nottinghamshire* desired his Leave to petition the King that he might have the Command of all the Forces of their two Counties, in Quality of Collonel General, which he complied with, and the King granted.

In this Command he beat the Enemy from *Grantham*, and gained a complete Victory near *Stamford*, and reduc'd several of their Garrison Towns, by the Assistance of Collonel *Welby*, and other brave Officers. After many glorious Actions, he had the Honour to receive the Queen in Her March to *Newark*, who immediately took notice that she saw him last in *Holland*, and was very glad now to meet him again in *England*. The Countess of *Derby* sitting at the end of the Queen's Coach, entertain'd Her Majesty with great Commendations of the Collonel, and when the Queen was to give the word to Major *Tuke*, she gave that of C A-
KENDISH.

That Copy of his Life, which I have seen, breaks off here, with his guarding the Queen at *Newark*; and concludes with a pretty Story for the Diversion and Instruction of Ladies. The Queen having treated the Ladies in the Garrison with her usual Address, they perswaded themselves, that her Majesty could deny them nothing, and there being among them a certain *Sempronia*, who had a singular Opinion of her Talent in publick Affairs, because she govern'd her Husband, who in time of Peace govern'd the Country; this Lady engag'd four or five other Ladies of a lower Form of Politicians to join with her in a Petition of her Ladyship's own inditing, wherein her Majesty was humbly prayed not to remove from *Newark* until her Forces had taken *Nottingham*; And this Business was to be kept very secret, especially from their Husbands. The Day came when these Ladies setting out from their Council Chamber, march'd in Rank and File, and *Sempronia* at the Head of them, towards the Court, which was at the *Talbot* Inn in the Market Place. Her Majesty looking out at the Window, saw them as they came along, but could not guess at the meaning of the Procession. Up they came very gravely to the Queen, and *Sempronia* deliver'd the Petition on her Knee. The Queen made her rise, and presently imagining that this was done without the Knowledge of their Husbands, she replied, Ladies, I am very sensible of the Loyal Affections of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of these Parts to my Lord the King, and should be very well pleas'd if it lay in my power to grant
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your Requests : But, Ladies, Affairs of this Nature are not in our Sphere; besides, I am commanded by the King to make all the haste I can possible; ye will receive this Advantage at least by my Answer, *altho' I cannot grant your Petition, ye may learn by my Example to obey your Husbands.* The poor Ladies were in so great a confusion, that they knew not how to look her Majesty in the Face; but, very luckily, the Drums beating in the Market place, made the Queen step to the Window, and the Ladies, glad of this Occasion, slipped away.

To return to the brave Collonel *Cavendish*, he waited on the Queen with a noble Guard toward Oxford, and in his way, by her Majesty's Consent, he took *Burton* upon *Trent* by Storm, encouraging his Soldiers to swim over the River, and scale the Works, and enter in midst of Deaths and utmost Dangers. It is a farther Honour to him to have it recorded by my Lord *Clarendon*, that the General in the North, the Earl of *Newcastle*, sent *Charles Cavendish* the younger Brother of the Earl of *Devonshire*, with a Party volant of Horse and Dragoons into *Lincolnshire*; where about the middle of *March*, he assaulted *Grantham* a new Garrison of the Rebels, which he took, and in it above three hundred Prisoners, with all their Officers Arms and Ammunition. The Royal Cause declining, made him only the more daring and desperate. In his last Action he is said to have been murther'd in cold Blood, after Quarter given by Collonel *Bury*, who made himself dear to *Cromwell* by this and some other Acts of Cruelty. Another Writer tells us, that his Horse sticking in the Mud, he died magnanimously refusing Quarter, and throwing the Blood that ran from his Wounds in their Faces that shed it. *Cromwell* himself was in this Action, and valued himself so much upon the Success of it, that he gave a particular Account to the Committee for Association sitting at *Cambridge*, in a Letter dated *July 31. 1643.* 'Gentlemen, It hath pleased the Lord to give your Servant and Soldiers a notable Victory now at *Gainsborow*— In the last reserve unbroken stood General *Cavendish*, who one while faced me, another while faced four of the *Lincoln* Troops, which was all of ours that stood upon the Place, the rest being engaged in the Chase; at last General *Cavendish* charged the *Lincolneers* and routed them. Immediately I fell upon his Rear with my three Troops, which did so astonish him, that he gave over the Chase, and would fain have delivered himself from me; but I pressing on, forced down a Hill having a good Execution of them, and below the Hill drove the General with some of his Soldiers into a Quagmire, where my Captain Lieutenant slew him, with a Thrust under his Short Ribs, the rest of the Body was wholly routed, not one Man staying upon the place. He was the more capable of Arms by his great Knowledge in the Mathematical Arts,

Life of Christian Countess, &c. p. 52.

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Life of his Mother. p. 53.

Lloyd's Memoirs, p. 673.

Rushworth, P. 3. V. 2. p. 278.

some of his Papers that shew a profound Skill in Numbers and Measures, are now in the Hands of the Right Reverend *John* Lord Bishop of *Ely*.

Life of *Christian* Countess Dow. He deserved the Character given by a late Writer, 'He was a Gentleman so furnish'd wit all the interior and politer parts of Learning (obtained at home and abroad, both by reading Books and Men) as well as Courage; that he was prepared to defend his Prince with his Head and Hand, by the strongest Reason, and most generous Valour. When his Body was brought to *Newark* to be interr'd, the whole Town were so fond of it (even Dead) that they would not suffer it for some Days to be laid into the Ground, but wept over it and admired it——Nay, and about thirty Years after, when his Body

Life of the Countess, p. 52. was removed to be interred at *Derby*, with his Mother, fresh Lamentations were made by those that knew, and others that had heard his Fame; and the whole People of *Newark* expressed the most sorrowful Unwillingness to part with the Reliques of so dear a Person, who had been when alive, the Ornament and Defence of that Place. It was his Mother's express Will that his Corps should be taken up, and wait upon Hers in another Hearse to *Derby*. To both passing thro' *Leicester* were due Respects paid to their Memories, the Magistrates of the Place attending in their Formalities, the Gentry of the County also meeting there, and waiting on them out of Town. The same honourable Reception they had at *Derby*; in the one Town, her

Life of the Countess, p. 93. Funeral Sermon was preach'd by Mr. *Frampton* (Chaplain to the Earl of *Elgin*) afterward Bishop of *Gloucester*, in the other, his Funeral Sermon by Mr. *Naylor* Chaplain to the Countess.

This *Christian* Countess Dowager lived to bear another Loss, that of her only Daughter *Anne*, married to *Robert* Lord *Rich*, Son and Heir to *Robert* Earl of *Warwick*, a Lady of those rare Endowments of Mind and Body, that her Memory is celebrated by the Wits and Orators of her own time, the Lord *Faulkland*, Mr. *Wallis*, Mr. *Godolphin*, and others. The mourning Mother is

Id. p. 57. said to have been less concern'd for her Domestick Losses, than for the Publick Miseries of the Church and State, then lying in confusion. She retir'd to *Greenwich*, and endeavour'd with her utmost Skill and Diligence to recover the Dignity of the Crown, and the Liberties of the People; and solicited the Earls of *Essex* and *Holland* to expiate their former Engagements by espousing the Royal Cause. They are said Both to have been very much

Ib. p. 60. encouraged by her Prudence; and that *Essex* would have given the future Demonstration of his Loyal Purposes, had not Death prevented him in the end of the Year 1646. When the Army had made themselves Masters of the King's Person, and were caraying him in their Triumph from Place to Place, they let him rest a Night or two at *Latimers*, a Seat of this Family in *Buckinghamshire*, where this noble Lady happen'd then to be

be with her Son the Earl of *Devonshire*. We are told that his Majesty had much private Consultations with her concerning the State of his Affairs; and at the same time expressed both to her and the young Earl the great Sense he had of the faithful Services they had done him.

After the fatal Fight at *Worcester* she was infinitely concerned for the Safety of the King's Person, and could not conceal her Joy when she heard of his safe Arrival in *France*: She took Care of the only Remains he left in *England*, his Domestick Servants, many of whom she received into her own Family, and retain'd them with good Respect and Support, till their Royal Master's happy Return. When she saw no hopes of publick Peace and Settlement she retir'd to her Brother's the Earl of *Elgin's* House at *Ambill*; and by three Years Privacy she lighten'd her Griefs and Expences, and became able to renew her Hospitality and Charity in a Seat, which she purchased for the pleasant Situation, *Rohampton* in *Surry*. Here she took opportunity from such Loyal Persons as frequented her House, to discourse with, and persuade them to the most active Endeavours for the King's Restauration: And having held a Communication in cipher'd Letters with Duke *Hamilton*, the Earls of *Holland* and *Norwich*, and other eminent Undertakers for the King; for which she narrowly escaped Imprisonment, by a Bribe given by her Goldsmith to one of the Council of State: She at last enter'd into a speedy and secret Correspondence with General *Monk*, who in the midst of his dark Reserves, sent her by a considerable Officer a private Signal, by which she might know his Intentions of restoring the King. Upon which the General valued her noble Friendship, and continued it with the greatest Respects to his Death. The King himself express'd frequently the Sense he had of her constant Zeal in his Service, and as a Mark of Satisfaction and Favour, he often dined with her, upon Notice, with his Queen, the Queen Mother, and Royal Family; and upon Surprise, with his Brother and Retinue often in return from *Huntin*. She lived here with all the Profuseness of old English Hospitality, and in vast Distributions of Christian Charity, and yet inspected her own Accounts with so severe a Scrutiny, that she spent her Revenues without lessening or squandering any part of them. She bore a Sickness with great Piety and Resignation, and dying 16 *January* 1674, was carried by way of *Newark* with suitable Magnificence to *Derby*, where she had erected a Monument for her Lord, her self, and Children.

To return to the Earl her Son; He lived in great Plenty and Respect, a true English Peer, honour'd by his Prince, and belov'd by the People; because steady in the Measures of maintaining the just Prerogatives of the one, and the legal Liberties of the other. Many Persons of Honour, now living, agree in this Remembrance of him, That he was a Man of as much Conscience and Honour, Religion and Virtue, Prudence and Goodness, as they ever knew in the World. His Tenderness and good Nature to Friends and Relations was very exemplary. He was extremely fond of his

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his little Grandson the present Duke, and could not be easie without him, he would therefore purchase and redeem his Company at any Rate. He was virtuous in his whole Life, and prudent in all his Affairs; he improved his large Inheritance, and took Care to let it descend entire to Posterity. He died at his Seat of *Robampton* in *Surrey*, *Tuesday* the 23d of *November* 1684. and was interr'd with his Ancestors at *Derby*.

It was an Honour to his Family, and to the Conduct Hist. Reb. Vol. of it, that Sir *Stephen Fox* was here employ'd and train'd 3. p. 402. up, till he became a fit Minister for the King and his Court abroad. The Lord *Clarendon* gives him this immortal Character, 'The Charge of Governing the Expences of the Family, and of Payment of the Wages of the Servants; and indeed, of issuing out all Monies, as well in Journies as when the Court resided any where, was committed to *Stephen Fox* a young Man—very well qualified with Languages, and all other parts of Clerkship, Honesty, and Discretion, that were necessary for the Discharge of such a Trust; and indeed, his great Industry, Modesty and Prudence, did very much contribute to the bringing the Family, which for so many Years had been under no Government, into very good Order. His Son the Duke had a like Happines of retaining *Henry Lowman* Esq; before he was preferr'd to be an active and faithful Servant to the late King, and to her present Majesty.

The Earl for his whole Life entertain'd Mr. *Hobbs* in his Family as his old Tutor, rather than as his Friend or Confident; he let him live under his Roof in Ease and Plenty, and his own way, without making use of him in any Publick, or so much as Domestick Affairs. He would often express an Abhorrence of some of his Principles in Policy and Religion; and both he and his Lady would frequently put off the Mention of his Name, and say, 'He was an Humourist, and that no body could account for him.

There is a Tradition in the Family, of the Manners Account of Mr. and Customs of Mr. *Hobbs*, somewhat observable: His *Hobbs*. profess'd Rule of Health was to dedicate the Morning to his Health, and the Afternoon to his Studies. And therefore, at his first rising he walk'd out and climb'd any Hill within his reach; or if the Weather was not dry, he fatigued himself within Doors, by some Exercise or other to be in a Sweat; recommending that Practice upon this Opinion, Than an old Man had more Moisture than Heat, and therefore by such Motion, Heat was to be acquired, and Moisture expell'd. After this he took a comfortable Breakfast, and then went round the Lodgings to wait upon the Earl, the Countess, and the Children, and any considerable Strangers, paying some short Addresses to all of them. He kept these Rounds till about 12 a Clock, when he had a little Dinner provided for him, which he eat always by himself without Ceremony. Soon after Dinner he retired to his Study, and had his Candle, with 10 or 12 Pipes of Tobacco laid by him; then shutting his Door he fell to smooking,

ing, and thinking, and writing for several Hours. He retain'd a Friend or two at Court, and especially the Lord *Ar——n*, to protect him if Occasion should require. He used to say, ' That it was lawful to make use of ill Instruments to do our selves good. If I were cast (says he) into a deep Pit, and the Devil should put down his Cloven Foot, I would take hold of it to be drawn out by it. Towards the end of his Life he had very few Books, and those he read but very little, thinking he was now only to digest what formerly he had fed upon. If Company came to visit him, he would be free in Discourse till he was press'd or contradicted, and then he had the Infirmities of being short and peevish, and referring to his Writings for better Satisfaction. His Friends who had the Liberty of introducing Strangers to Him, made these Terms with them before their Admission, That they should not dispute with the old Man, nor contradict him.

In *October* 1666, when Complaint was made in Parliament against his Books, and some Proceedings against him were depending, with a Bill against *Atheism and Prophaneness*; he was then at *Chatworth*, and appear'd extremely disturb'd at the News of it; fearing that Messengers would come for him, and that the Earl would deliver him up, and the Two Houses commit him to the Bishops, and they decree him a Heretick, and return him to the Civil Magistrate for a Writ *de Heretico comburendo*. This Terror upon his Spirits made them sink very much: He would be often confessing to those about him, that he meant no Harm, and was no obstinate Man, and was ready to make any proper Satisfaction. For his prevailing Principle, and his Resolution upon it, was to suffer for no Cause whatever. Under these Apprehensions of Danger he drew up *An Historical Narration of Heresie, and the Punishment thereof*, labouring to prove that there was no Authority to determine Heresie, or to punish it, when he wrote the *Leviathan*; and that since the dissolving of the High Commission Court, no other Courts have any Power to decree any Opinion to be heretical; and wonders, that since His Majesty had restored the Bishops, and pardon'd the Presbyterians, both the one and the other should accuse in Parliament his Book of Heresie; and so runs away into a Complaint of the Fierceness of Divines. Under the same Consternation he framed *An Apology for himself and his Writings*; setting forth, that the exceptionable Things in his *Leviathan*, were not his Opinions, so much as his Suppositions, humbly submitted to those who had the Ecclesiastical Power, and never since dogmatically maintain'd by him, either in Writings or Discourses. And it is much to be doubted, that upon this Occasion, he began to make a more open shew of Religion and Church Communion. He now frequented the Chapel, join'd in the Service, and was generally a Partaker of the Holy Sacrament. And when ever any Strangers, in Conversation with him, seem'd to question his Belief, he would always appeal to his Conformity in Divine Services, and refer'd them to the Chaplain for a Testimony of it. Others thought it a meer Compliance

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to the Orders of the Family, and observ'd that in City and Country he never went to any Parish Church, and even in the Chapel upon Sundays he went out after Prayers, and turn'd his Back upon the Sermon; and when any Friend ask'd the Reason of it, he gave no other but this, *They could teach him nothing but what he knew*. He did not conceal his hatred to the Clergy, but it was visible, that the Hatred was owing to his Fear of their Civil Interest and Power. He had often a Jealousie that the Bishops would burn him; and of all the Bench he was most afraid of the Bishop of *Salisbury*, because he had most offended him, thinking every Man's Spirit to be Remembrance and Revenge.

It is no trampling on the Ashes of Mr. Hobbs to say, that he was a great Coward, his whole Life was govern'd by his Fears. In the first Parliament of 1640, while it promised well to be a Courtier, he wrote a

Considerations upon his Reputation, &c. By himself, 8vo. 1650. p. 5. a little Treatise in English, wherein he demonstrated (as he himself tells us) *that all the Power and Rights necessary for the Peace of the Kingdom, were inseparably annexed to the Sovereignty in the King's Person*. But in the second Parliament of that Year, when they proceeded fiercely against those who had written or preached in

Defence of the Regal Power; then in a Fright he run beyond Sea, the very first Deserter of the King in his own Words, *Then Mr. Hobbs, doubting how they would use him, went over into France, the first of all that fled, and there continued eleven Years*. At Paris he wrote and publish'd his

Leviathan, a Plea for the absolute Power of Princes. that seem'd to be calculated for the new Measures then laid for the Government of France, to obtain the easier Protection from the Cardinal. The same Passion of Fear that brought him into France, drove him back to England. For, as soon as he was dismiss'd from his Attendance on the King, to escape the Resentments of those he thought his Enemies, he made haste for England,

and confess'd that he came home *because he would not trust his Safety with the French Clergy*. He was call'd to no question by Oliver, who had no Reason to dislike

his Tenets; and in the other Changes he was *always safe*. After the Restoration, he watch'd all Opportunities to ingratiate himself with the King and his prime Ministers; and look'd upon his Pension to be more valuable, as an Earnest of Favour and Protection, than upon the other Account. His following Course of Life was to be free from Danger: He could not endure to be left in an empty House; whenever the Earl removed, he would go along with him, even to his last Stage from *Chartsworth* to *Hardwick*, when in a very weak Condition, he dar'd not be left behind, but made his way upon a Feather Bed in a Coach, tho' he survived the Journey but a few Days. He could not bear any Discourse of Death, and seem'd to cast off all Thoughts of it: He delighted to reckon upon longer Life. The Winter before he died he made a warm Coat, which he said must last him three Years, and then he would have such another. In his

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last Sickness, his frequent Questions were, Whether his Disease was curable? and when Intimations were given that he might have Ease but no Remedy, he used this Expression, *I shall be glad then to find a Hole to creep out of the World at*, which are reported to have been his last sensible Words; and his lying some Days following in a silent Stupor, did seem owing to his *Mind* more than to his *Body*. The only Thought of Death that he appear'd to entertain in time of Health, was to take care of some Inscription on his Grave. He would suffer some Friends to dictate an Epitaphe, among which he was best pleas'd with this Humour, *This is the true Philosopher's Stone*; which indeed would have had as much Religion in it, as that which now remains.

To return to the Noble Family,

William Duke of Devonshire, born *January 25, 1640*, *William I.* bred by Studies and Travels, a young Gentleman of Duke. Gracefulness and Gallantry, becoming a Prince's Court. The Companion and Guide of his Travels was Dr. *Kiligrew*, afterward Master of the *Savoy*, &c. who gave him a just and a true Relish in Poetry, and all the Refinements of Sense and Wit.

While he was afterward at *Paris*, he was most rudely affronted at an Opera by three Officers of the King's Guard, who came full of Wine upon the Stage. One of them coming up to him with a very insulting Question, my Lord give him a severe Blow on the Face, upon which they all drew, and push'd hard upon him: He got his Back against one of the Skreens, and made a stout Defence, receiving several Wounds, till a sturdy Swiss of my Lord Ambassador *Montague's* caught him up in his Arms, and threw him over the Stage into the Pit. In his Fall, one of his Arms was caught upon an Iron Spike, which tore out the Flesh, and left a Scar very visible to his dying Day. He lay for some Weeks in Danger of his Life: The three Assailants were clap'd up by the King's Command, and not released till my Lord himself interceded for them. Under the Stile of *William Lord Cavendish*, Son to the Earl of *Devonshire*, he was created Master of Arts in the University of

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Oxford by the special Command of the Clancellor, in Company of the Earls of *Suffolk*, *Bath*, and *Middleton*, the present Lord Treasurer, and other young Gentlemen of the greatest Hopes; the King, Queen, and Court being then in *Oxford*. Soon after he married a noble, beautiful, and virtuous Lady, *Mary*, second Daughter of *James Duke of Ormond*, by whom he had Issue, 1. *William*, Marquis of *Hartington*, now Duke of *Devonshire*; 2. Lord *Henry Cavendish*, a Gentleman of Parts and Hopes extraordinary, who died very much lamented, on *Friday, May 10, 1700*, leaving one Daughter by his excellent Wife *Rhoda*, only surviving Daughter of *William Cartwright* of *Aynho Esq*; by *Ursula* his second Wife, Daughter of *Ferdinando*, Lord *Fairfax* of *Cameron*: 3. Lord *James Cavendish*, a very worthy Member of Parliament for the Town of *Derby*, and 4. one Daughter the Lady

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Elizabeth. In 1665. He shew'd his Bravery in going Volunteer in the Fleet, and was in the midst of that dangerous Sea Fight in attendance on the Duke of York. He was in the long Parliament, and in many others, a very faithful and leading Member, Honouring the King, and representing the People, elected to serve for the County of *Derby* all the Years he lived a Commoner; without any Intermission. In 1677. When his Majesty was offended with the Commons, for addressing him to make a League offensive and defensive with the States of *Holland*, and for a Mark of Displeasure, had commanded the Speaker to adjourn the House to

Private Debates in the H. of Com. 1677. 12. p. 95.

Monday July 16. The Lord *Cavendish* was at the Head of those worthy Members, who objected against that abrupt Dismission of them, and press'd it upon the Speaker, that ' he could not leave the Chair, but by a Question ' and the Vote of the House, and offer'd to shew a Precedent of the Commons sitting after an unexpected Message to adjourn. And when upon the said 16. *July*, the two Houses met, only in order to be adjourn'd by his Majesty's Pleasure; this Lord was in the Number of those who would not comply with the Speaker's Report of a Royal Command to that effect; but he mov'd ' that their last Order about Adjournment might be read, to the end they might take Notice ' of the Authority, by which they met here now, and this he said was ' usual and regular to be done, which Motion was seconded and had been carried, if the Speaker had not left the Chair, and run away from the hard Words that followed him. In the same Session, when a Vote of great Consequence was depending, and the House divided, and Tellers were appointed, and the Numbers were returned equal on both Sides, by which Means, he and his Friends would have lost their necessary Point: He charg'd a Mistake upon the Tellers against Him, and would not suffer it to be shuffled up, but insisted on it, till with great Difficulty He gain'd the Proof of it; by which he exasperated a Court Party to the last Degree.

1678.

In the next Parliament, *Octob. 1678.* the Lord *Cavendish* was one in the first Committee appointed for Privileges and Elections, and in the second for drawing up an humble Address to be presented to his Majesty for removing all Popish Recusants from within ten Miles of the City of *London*; and in a third for examining into the Murther of Sir *Edmund Bury Godfrey*, and other Particulars of the Popish Plot. And again for desiring the Lords to join with them in providing Remedies for Preservation of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Protestant Religion. He was sent to attend his Majesty with the Vote of the House relating to the Information given against Mr. *Montague*, 19 *Dec.* and was appointed the same Day to help prepare and draw up Articles against the Earl of *Danby*.

1679.

In another Parliament, meeting 6 *March 1678-9*, this Lord was among the chief Members appointed to attend his Majesty with the Vote concerning the Election of a new

new Speaker, *March 8.* and of the Committee for drawing up a Bill to secure the King and Kingdom against the Growth and Danger of Popery, *April 16. 1679.* and was distinguish'd in carrying up the Address for declaring to revenge upon the Papists any Violence offered by them to the King's Person, *14. May.* Upon these Occasions he spoke often with that Weight and Freedom, that some of his Speeches got abroad in imperfect Copies, and were much applauded. One of them had such severe things in it, that it wisely produc'd this Order of the House.

The House being inform'd, that there is a false and scandalous Pamphlet dispersed abroad under the Name of *The Speech of the Lord Cavendish,* Resolved, it be referred to a Committee to enquire into the Authors and Publishers of that Pamphlet.

It so happen'd, that during this Session, the King finding his Ministry not able to support themselves, fell upon a wise Resolution to choose out a new Privy Council to consist of a Number not exceeding *Thirty*, of which fifteen of the chief Officers by their Places, and ten out of the several Ranks of the Nobility, and five Commoners of the Realm, *Whose known Abilities, Interest and Esteem in the Nation, should render them without all suspicion of either mistaking or betraying the true interest of the Kingdom.* In this honourable List was our *William Lord Cavendish*, with his inseparable Friend *William Lord Russel.* On the next Day, the King told his two Houses that he had establish'd a new Privy Council, and had made choice of such Persons as *were worthy and able to advise him, and was Resolved in all his weighty and important Affairs to be advised by them.* But in *May* a Bill was brought in to disable the Duke of York from inheriting the Imperial Crown of England: This and other Proceedings against Popery brought the Session to a quick Period, *May 27.* when they were prorogued to *Aug. 14* and in the mean time dissolv'd. Then the Duke return'd from Flanders, and before the new Parliament summoned to meet *Oct. 17* he chose to withdraw into *Scotland.* And that in his Absence, no Proceedings might affect him, the Parliament was put off by several Prorogation, and the Petitions for their sitting were declar'd to be rebellious, and punish'd as such. *Jan. 28.* the King declared in Council, that he had sent for his Royal Highness out of *Scotland,* and would answer that his Return should have no ill Influence upon the Publick. These Measures were so contrary to good Advice, that some of the most faithful Counsellors despairing of any Success in giving their judgement freely, and desiring to be more at liberty to express their Minds in the Greater Council of the Nation, resolv'd to withdraw. Accordingly on *Jan. 31.* the Lord *Russel*, and the Lord *Cavendish*, Sir *Henry Capel*, and Mr. *Powle* pray'd his Majesty to give them leave to withdraw from the Council Board, To which his Majesty was pleas'd to answer, *With all my Heart,* as a frank Imimation, that since they oppos'd his new Scheme of Administration, he had rather be without them.

King's Speech to his Privy Council, *Apr. 20. 1679.*

King's Speech in the House of Lords, *Apr. 21. 1679.*

1680. The Lord *Cavendish* was in the next Parliament that after so many Prorogations met on 21. *Octob.* 1680. and Lord *Russel's* was in the Bosom of the Lord *Russel*, when he stood up Speech in Parl. to declare his Opinion, ' That the Life of our King, the *Oct.* 1680. Safety of our Country and Protestant Religion were

in great Danger from Popery, and that either the Parliament must suppress the Power and Growth of Popery, or else Popery would soon destroy all that was near and dear to us; and therefore moved that in the first Place they might take into Consideration how to suppress Popery, and prevent a Popish Successor. And the Bill for securing the Protestant Religion by disabling *James Duke of York* was on *Nov.* 15. carried up to the House of Lords by *William Lord Russel*, the only Honour for which he seemed to be envied by this noble Friend; who soon after obtain'd a like Honour of carrying up the Articles of Impeachment to the Lords against Sir *Williams Scroggs*, Knight,

Friday Jan. 7. Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench. for his arbitrary and illegal Practices. When the King had declar'd his Resolution of not consenting to a Bill of Exclusion, the great Point was to secure the Kingdom against Popery: And while the House was in a grand Committee upon this Question, and Mr. *Powle* in the Chair, my Lord *Cavendish* made an excellent Speech, deploring the Loss of that Bill, and concluding with a Motion, ' That a Bill might be brought

in for the Association of all his Majesty's Protestant Subjects; which after full Debate, ended in a Resolve, ' That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the House be moved, that a Bill be brought in for an Association of all his Majesty's Protestant Subjects, for the Safety of his Majesty's Person, the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and the Preservation of his Majesty's Protestant Subjects, against all Invasions and Oppositions; and for preventing the Duke of *York*, or any other Papist from succeeding to the Crown. He

Append. proceeded to argue in the House, as he had done in the Num. 5. Committee, by another smart and strenuous Speech. In fine, he was one of those who openly named the evil Councillors, and promoted the Address to his Majesty, to remove them from all Offices of Honour and Profits, and from his Majesty's Councils and Presence for ever. Upon which his Majesty Prorogued the Parliament on *Jan.* 10. and dissolv'd them by Proclamation on *Jan.* 18. And call'd another to meet at *Oxford* on *March* 21. wherein our Lord *Cavendish* began again to stem the Tide; but his undaunted Efforts were again stop't by Dissolution in a Weeks time. It is however observable, that the Zeal of my Lord *Cavendish* was in the warmest Debates temper'd with Candour and great Civility. When Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* refused to carry a Message to the Lords, and the House so far resent'd it, as to be calling him to the Bar, my Lord *Cavendish* concluded, ' That the Gentleman's Fault was a great one, but that after his begging the Pardon of the House, He should be

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willing to pass it over; for tho' it was a great Fault, yet it was too little to give Occasion of a Breach at this time. Upon which the Secretary was soften'd, and said, 'He was ready to obey the Order of the House, and was sorry his Words had given Offence; and so went on the Message.

After this, the King and his Ministers govern'd without a Parliament, and under some pretence or other, call'd the chief Members of the late Houses into Question for their Liberties, and very Lives. Duke of Monmouth, Earle of Shaftsbury and Essex, Lord Russell, Collonel Sidney, and others. The Lord Cavendish was thought as obnoxious as any, and did not decline the meeting with those Patriots, while nothing was proposed, but what was honourable and just. But in some one Assignment, he is said to have condemn'd a bold overture that was then made, and to have declared with great Earnestness, when he came back, that he would never more go amongst them. Not that he deserted what he thought the Publick Cause, or any in it, whom he esteem'd his Friends. For in the Trial of my Lord Russell, when it was almost 18. July 1683. as criminal to be a Witness for him, as to have been an Accomplice with him; this brave Lord dared to appear, with the Earl of Anglesey, Mr. Howard, Dr. Tillotson, Dr. Burnet, &c. and to vindicate him in the Face of the Court, giving his Testimony to the good Life and Conversation of the Prisoner, saying, Trial of Lord Russell, p. 53.
'He had the Honour to be acquainted with my Lord Russell a long time, and always thought him a Man of great Honour, and too prudent and wary a Man to be concern'd in so vile and desperate a Design as this, and from which he would receive so little Advantage. And that two or three Days since the Discovery of this Plot, upon discourse about Collonel Romsey, my Lord Russell did express something, as if he had a very ill Opinion of the Man, and therefore it was not likely he would intrust him with such a secret.

When by Force of the Stream he saw that Great Man submitting to the hard Sentence of Death, he did not forsake him, nor would he altogether despair of his Safety: He sent him a Message by a worthy Person, now living, that he would come and change Cloths with him in the Prison, and stay there to represent him, if in such Disguise he could make his Escape. When the Lord Russell was too generous to accept of this Proposal, the Lord Cavendish attended on him in his Extremes, took leave of him in the most endearing Passions, waited on his disconsolate Lady, and carried on his Respect to the Family by matching his eldest Son most happily to a Daughter of it.

There is one other Instance of his Gallantry and Courage that is to be admir'd, so far as it proceeded from his Love to a Friend, and his Zeal for Justice. He had contracted a firm Intimacy with Thomas Tynne, Esq; and after his barbarous Assassination, he pursued a legal Vengeance on his Murtherers, and brought the immediate Actors to condign Punishment,

ment, and the great Abettor of it to his Trial, who happen'd to be acquitted by a Jury possess'd, or rather prepar'd, in favour of him. This Lord had great Indignation at this discharge, which he thought owing to Corruption; and knowing that an Appeal to single Combat was of old the last Resort in Law, for convicting a Murtherer; he obtain'd the Favour of a noble Peer, now living, to go in his Name to Count *Rouingmark*, to charge the Guilt of Blood upon him, and to offer to prove it in the open Field; what is commonly said of an Assignment made upon *Calais Sands*, is more than I find attested. It may be rather presum'd that the Message or the Answer was dropt, because the Count was in haste to fly from any second Trial.

By the Death of the old Earl at the latter end of King *Charles II.* my Lord *Cavendish* succeeded his Father, and in the Reign of King *James* he was the same Man, in greater Honour, and in greater Concern for his Country. He had been very rudely insulted within the Verge of the Court, by Colonel *Culpepper*, for which he contained himself, and only work'd out the Satisfaction of giving him his Pardon, upon Condition he should never more appear in *Whitehall*; but immediately after the Defeat of the Duke of *Monmouth*, the Colonel was encouraged to shew himself at Court, and was rising into a Creature of it. The Earl of *Devonshire* meeting him in the King's Presence Chamber, and receiving from him, as he thought, an insulting Look, he took him by the Nose, led him out of the Room, and gave him some despising Blow with the Head of his Cane: For this bold Act, the Earl was prosecuted in the King's Bench, upon an Information, and had an exorbitant Fine of Thirty Thousand Pounds, imposed upon Him, and was committed, tho' a Peer, to the King's Bench Prison, till he should make Payment of it. He was never able to bear any Confinement that he could break from, and therefore he escap'd, only to go home to his Seat at *Chatworth*. Upon the News of his being there, the Sheriff of *Derbyshire* had a Precept to apprehend him, and bring him with his *Posse* to Town. But he invited the Sheriff, and kept him a Prisoner of Honour, till he had compounded for his own Liberty, by giving Bond to pay the full Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, which Bond had this providential Discharge, that it was found among the Papers of King *James*, and given up by King *William*. We are told, that the Countess Dowager, his Mother, being uneasy to see him under so great a Hardship, waited on the King to beg her Son's Pardon, and for discharge of the Fine, did humbly desire, that his Majesty would accept of her delivering up Bonds, and other Acknowledgments for above Sixty Thousand Pounds, lent by her Husband and his Mother, to his Royal Father and Brother in their greatest Extremities. But it seems the Popish Party then thought that the Earl had forfeited all Title to Gratitude and Equity. It was under this Load of Difficulties that he first projected the new glorious Pile at *Chatworth*, as if his Mind rose upon the Depression of his Fortunes: For he now contracted with Workmen to pull down the South Side of that good old Seat, and to rebuild it in a Plan he gave to them, for

for a Front to his Gardens, so fair and August, that it look'd like a Model only of what might be done in after Ages. When he had finish'd this Part, he meant to go no farther; till seeing Publick Affairs in a happier Settlement, for a Testimony of Ease and Joy, he undertook the East side of the Quadrangle, and rais'd it entirely new, in Conformity to the South, and seem'd then content to say, that he had gone half way through, and would leave the rest for his Heir. In this Resolution he stop'd about Seven Years, and then reassum'd Courage, and began to lay the Foundations for two other Sides to complete the noble Square; and these last, as far as Uniformity admits, do exceed the others by a West Front of most excellent Strength and Elegance, and a Capitol on the North side that is of singular Ornament and Service. And tho' such a vast Pile (of Materials entirely new) requir'd a prodigious Expence, yet the Building was his least Charge, if Regard be had to his Gardens, Water-Works, Statues, Pictures, and other the finest pieces of Art and of Nature, that could be obtained abroad or at home. One of the first Rooms he finish'd was the Chapel, which he made not only as decent, but as splendid as any in a Protestant Country. The Area is black and white Marble, laid in the most agreeable manner, not embarrass'd with any Seats, but made convenient with Chairs plac'd along the Walls, and Cushions for the Use of Strangers and Servants. The Walls are wainscotted with Cedar and Cypress in large Pannels, and carved Works between them, about the height of eighteen Foot: And then the Remainder of the Walls, and the whole Roof, adorn'd with exquisite Painting of the Miracles of our Saviour, &c. The Gallery at one end for the chief of the Family, is very neat and suitable, supported by two black Marble Pillars, not jointed, fifteen Inches Diameter, twelve Foot and a half high. The Altar-piece is an admirable Frame of white Marble and Alabaster, supported by two Pillars of black Marble, adorned with lively Statues on the top of each of 'em, representing Religion and Virtue, and with a Dove and Glory very curiously cut in Stone; and over it, in an oval black Frame, a Picture of St. Thomas convinc'd of his Infidelity by our Saviour, said to be the finest Piece that was ever done by *Verrio's* Hand. It is the more to be admir'd, that all the Marble and Alabaster was cut out of neighbouring Quarries, and the four Pillars of black Marble were hewn out of one and the same Massy Stone. I leave the Apartments, and all the other Glories of the House, for a Subject of Surprize and Admiration to any that shall go to see them. There is indeed one Interruption in such a Sight, that the Situation seems to be somewhat horrid, but upon review, this really adds to the Beauty of it, as well as to the Plenty round it: The Valleys open with greater Amazement, and the rocky Hills hang over in a more awful guard of it. The Truth is, that the glorious House seems to be Art insulting Nature; and the imminent Mountain seems to be Nature despising Art, and triumphing over the Attempts of it. It will bear the Report, that when the Marshal *Ta—d* came hither with some of his Fellow Prisoners by invitation of the Duke, and was nobly entertain'd for several Days; he is

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said to have parted with this Complement, *My Lord, when I come here-
after to compute the time of my Captivity in England, I shall leave out
the Days of my Enjoyment at Chatsworth.*

At this Place the Earl kept himself retired for the most part of the
few Years of *K. James*, thinking the farthest Retreat from the Court to
be at that time the fittest Place for a good Subject. Here was his Refuge
from *Westminster* and *Hounslow*, from a Set of Judges, and a standing
Army. He heard with Indignation of the Proceedings above, and the
great Advances made toward a *French* Monarchy, and a *Roman* Re-
ligion. He was satisfied in his Judgment, that a Prince governing
by Law deserv'd Allegiance, and the utmost Assistance of his People;
but he could never digest the hard Notions of a passive Obedience to Ty-
rants, &c. to any Monarchs or their Ministers who should bend a legal
Constitution to their own Will and Pleasure, till they broke up, and
chang'd the Foundations of it. In such a Case he judg'd the publick
Safety to be the Supreme Law, and to give a Right to common De-
fence and Preservation of the whole Body. He thought the only Que-
stion to be that of Prudence, how to bring about the Deliverance in the
most effectual manner. He knew that popular Insurrections were as Ropes
of Sand, not capable of being long held together; and that every other
Combination, without a proper Head, would without Success be called
Rebellion; and even if successful, would destroy it self for want of Unity
and final Agreement. He was afraid, that if the People of *England* could
be enough unanimous to cast off one Yoke, they might only exchange it
for some other, for a Republick, or a military Force, or usurping Pro-
tector, or a successive Confusion of prevailing Powers. His Care was, if
possible, to restore a legal Monarchy, and to preserve it in the Protestant
Line, upon the true Establishment of Laws and Fundamental Constituti-
on. He had no other View of Safety, but from the Prince of *Orange*;
and therefore he help'd to draw the Eyes of the Nobility and Gentry the
same way. He writ his Mind freely to an *English* Friend in the Court at
the *Hague*, that their last and only Hopes was from thence; and there-
fore he was very much in those wise and secret Measures that were taken to
invite over that excellent Prince. But while he was waiting with Impa-
tience the Effects of it, he found Dangers and Difficulties big enough to try
a noble Spirit. The King, upon the first Alarm from *Holland*, or rather
from *France*, had a Jealousie of this Earl above any other Peer, and sent
for him to Court, that he might have the stricter Guard upon him. His
Lordship excus'd his Attendance because he knew the meaning of it. Af-
ter this, The Duke of N. who (with some other Peers) had accepted a
Commission from *K. James*, was instructed to go down to *Chatsworth*,
and under a colour of inviting the Earl into the King's Service, to feel
his Inclinations, and prevent them. But his Lordship heard the Duke's
Discourse of the Fatality of Civil War, and of the Loyalty of their Family
the *Cavendishes*, and some other Suggestions of Interest and Honour,
with seeming Attention and all Civilities, making no Return but in ge-
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neral Expressions, that gave no Answer, and therefore no Advantage. When his noble Guest was gone, he concerted other Measures with the Earl of *Danby*, the Lord *Delamere*, Sir *Sersop How*, and some few others of greatest Quality and Interest in those Parts. They had at first an Eye upon the Prince's landing in the North, and when disappointed of those Hopes, they still continued their Preparations, and waited for HIM as their great and only Deliverer under God. In the mean time the Earl treated with many of his Friends and Neighbours, but he found them reflecting upon the D. of *Monmouth's* unhappy Attempt, and bearing in mind the *Western* Inquisition. He had the Hearts and Wishes of many who dar'd not to stir their Hands: Some Expectances were not answered, and even some Promises were evaded. When the Prince was driven back by a Storm, and the King was doing some fair things to please the People, his Lordship was then in Danger of being delivered up, or at least of being left alone. He did however keep himself and Servants, and some few of his fastest Friends in a Readyness and silent Preparation. They talk'd over the Scene they had laid in feigned Words and Phrases; and when any suspected Company seem'd to understand them, they fell into other Inventions of Secrecy and Reserve.

As soon as he heard of the Prince's landing in the West, he began to move, and resolv'd to run the utmost Hazards for the publick Safety. He march'd first with a small Retinue to the County Town of *Derby*, and invited many of the Gentry, and entertain'd those who adventur'd to come at his open Table with Freedom of Discourse. He call'd out the Mayor and Commonalty, and read to them the Prince's Declaration, and made a seasonable Comment on it; and deliver'd to them a Paper of the Declaration made by himself, and the Nobility and Gentry with him: 'That they would, to their utmost, defend *Nov. 21. 1688.*
' the Protestant Religion, the Laws of the Kingdom, *Append. Num.*
' and the Rights and Liberties of the Subject. While 7.

his Lordship was in Town a Messenger come from *London* with a Letter in the Heel of his Boot, so much soak'd in Water and Dirt, that it could hardly be made legible: The Contents were to signify the Return of K. *James* from *Salisbury*, and the Advance of the Prince's Army toward *London*: This occasion'd great Joy, but in the midst of it another Courier arriv'd with an Account directly contrary; and left the wisest of them in Suspence, and the rest in Consternation. The Popish Party made their Advantage of it, and began to form a Plot of securing the Earl and his Company, if they had not left the Place with greater Expedition.

From hence his Lordship march'd to *Nottingham*, where the People were well affected; and the Nobility and Gentry soon made a Number and Figure very considerable. The Earl *Nov. 22. 1688.* at the Head of them thought fit to unite them in a Declaration of their Sense and Resolution; which was accordingly made, and unanimously subscribed upon this profess'd Principle, ' We own it Re-

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' was always accounted a *Tyrant* that made his Will the Law; and to resist such a One we justly esteem no Rebellion, but a necessary and just Defence. This Declaration was thought to be so just and honourable, that many others came daily into it, and were form'd into regular Troops, and made the Appearance of a Confederate Army. While her Royal Highness, the Princess *Anne* was under a Necessity of providing for the Security of her own Person, she went from *London* with the Lord Bishop, the Earl of *Dorset*, and a small Train of Ladies, on Sunday Night, Nov. 25. When she was first missing, the People were so enrag'd, that they threatned to tear in pieces some of the Papists in *Whitehall*, upon a sad Surmize, that they had committed some Violence against her; but they were soon satisfied by a very decent Letter which her Royal Highness had left for the Queen, and by the News that she was going directly to *Nottingham*. In her Journey a Rumour was industriously spread, That a Party of the Enemies would intercept her; upon which the Earl march'd out with a good Body of Horse, and, at some Miles distance from the Town, met her Royal Highness with great Respect and Joy, and conducted her to the Castle (from whence the noble Owner had withdrawn) and kept Tables at his own Expence, and provided all the other Accommodations of a Court and a standing Council. When his Stock fail'd, he accepted of some Contributions, and at last borrow'd the publick Money in such a manner, as to satisfy the Collectors, and please the Country. When a Copy of the Association came, he readily went into it, and was followed by those who were most hearty in the Cause: When some were so cautious as to decline it; He wai'd their Refusal with great Temper; but when they afterwards upon a nearer prospect of Success offer'd to subscribe, He then check'd them for their former Wariness, and said there was now no need of their doing it.

The Princess being extremely satisfied with her Reception, propos'd to go toward *Oxford*, to be nearer to his Royal Highness Prince *George*, who had honourably join'd himself to the Prince of *Orange*, with the Lord *Churchill*, the Dukes of *Ormond* and *Grafton*, &c. Upon this Motion, the Earl of *Devonshire* and his noble Train were a Guard to her Royal Highness (the future Hopes of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*) and by easy and most convenient Stages conducted her safe to *Oxford*, where she was soon after met by her most affectionate Consort the Prince.

When the Earl of *Devonshire* had deliver'd up his pretious Trust at *Christ-Church*; he was solicitous to do more, that the glorious Work might be finish'd, and the Blessing of it remain to Posterity. So with a private Friend or two he hasten'd early next Day to *London*; and hearing the Prince of *Orange* was come as far as *Sion House*, he resolv'd to meet him the next Morning, and came thither to the Prince, as he was taking Coach, and was received by Him with all the Marks of Affection and Esteem:

He was among the Lords Spiritual and Temporal assembled in their House

House at *Westminster*, 25 Decemb. and was forward and leading in the Address to the Prince, to take upon him the Administration, till the meeting of a Convention them summon'd. At the opening of that Convention, Jan. 22. He was one of the first Peers in the Order for a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God for having made his Highness the Prince of *Orange* the glorious Instrument of the great Deliverance of this Kingdom from Popery and Arbitrary Power. And again in the Address of Lords and Commons, ' To desire the Prince to continue in the Administration of publick Affairs, Civil and Military, and the Disposal of the Publick Revenue, for the Preservation of our Religion, Rights, Laws, Liberties and Properties.

In the following Debates, he was for completing and securing the wonderful Revolution. He argued boldly for the Sense of the Commons of *England*, ' That King *James* had not only endeavour'd to subvert the Constitution of the Kingdom, by breaking the Original Contract between King and People; but having violated the fundamental Laws, and withdrawn himself out of the Kingdom, had ABDICATED the Government and the THRONE was thereby VACANT. When a Majority of Lords were at first against this Vote, he entred his Protestation with about forty other Peers; and after a free Conference, he encourag'd the leading Commons, and helpt to convince some Lords how reasonable it was to agree with them. When this Point was at last carried, he had the Pleasure to see a greater Majority with him in the final Resolution, ' That the Prince and Princess of *Orange* should be declared King and Queen of *England*, &c. He was zealous in the Declaration of the Lords and Commons for vindicating their ancient Rights and Liberties; and distinguish'd himself in every Vote to fix the Throne, and prevent a Relapse into Slavery. It was a signal Mercy of Providence to inspirit those noble Patriots with a firm Resolution of perfecting their Deliverance, and securing the Establishment and Enjoyment of it; or otherwise we had then run back into a worse Condition; and instead of our present Happiness, we had been at this Day a most miserable People.

For these eminent and faithful Services, he was admitted one of the Privy Council, *Febr.* 14. and for a nearer Relation to the Court, he was made Lord Steward of their Majesty's Household; and it must be remembered to his Honour, that when a Person offer'd him a very large Sum for the Liberty of filling up the Places in his Gift, and would have brought a List of three Names for each Place, that his Lordship might chuse any one; he rejected the Offer with an Air of scorning a Bribe, and hating the Tempter. On *Apr.* 3. 1689. having been with *Frederick* Marechal de *Schomberg* elected a Knight, Companion of the most noble Order of the Garter, and first Knighted by the Sovereign, he was invested and install'd with great Splendor. At the Coronation, *Apr.*

11. he was made Lord High Steward of *England* for At *Windsor* 14. that Day, and carried the Regal Crown next to the May following. Bible and the King's Person; his Daughter assisting in

bearing up her Majesty's Train. In this Solemnity his Person and Port and Habit were so very graceful, that they really adorn'd the Procession, and made the *Regalia* more illustrious.

In the following Parliament, his Lordship was concern'd to do himself the like Justice, he had so effectually seen done unto the Nation: He complain'd of his Grievance, and had it (referr'd to a Committee, who

on Apr. 22 came to this Report, ' Their Lordships are Journal of H. ' of Opinion, that the Proceedings against the Earl of of Lords. ' *Devonshire* in the Court of King's Bench in *Easter*

' Term in the third Year of King *James II* upon an Information for an Assault upon *M. Culpeper*, wherein his Lordship's Plea ' of Privilege of Parliament was over-ruled, and he was fined thirty ' thousand Pounds, and thereupon committed to the King's Bench in Execution, was a great Violation of the Privileges of the Peers of this ' Realm, their Lordships are likewise of opinion, that those Judges who ' sat in the said Court, when the said Judgments were given, and the said ' Commitment made, should be required to attend at the Bar of this ' House, to answer for the great Offence, which they have committed ' thereby. Hereupon the House ordered, that the Clerk of the Crown Office in the King's Bench, should bring into his House, the Records of that Office, wherein the Proceedings against the Earl of *Devonshire* were enter'd: And that the Keeper of *Newgate* should bring in late Custody to the Bar of this House, *Sir Robert Wright*, and that *Sir Richard Holloway*, and Mr. Justice *Powell* should attend the House, on a Day appointed.

Accordingly on Monday, May 6. *Sir Robert Wright*, and *Sir Richard Holloway* being brought to the Bar, and Mr. Justice *Powell* being in his Place; they were severally ask'd what they had to say for themselves in this Business. Mr. Justice *Powell* said to this effect, ' It was his great ' Misfortune, that he was misguided by some Books, which he looked on ' as Authorities, which he finds by their Lordships Judgments are not so; ' he humbly begg'd their Lordships, and the Earl of *Devonshire's* Pardon. As to the Fine, he look'd upon three thousand Pounds to be Fine enough; his Silence in that Business was his greatest Fault, for which he also begg'd Pardon.

Then *Sir Robert Wright* said to this effect, ' That as to the Breach of ' Privilege they were misguided by Precedents. As to the Fine (which ' is usually set according to the Quality and Estate of the Person fined) ' it came from the Puny Judge thirty Thousand Pounds, and so to him ' last, according to the Course of the Court; and if he was mistaken, he ' begg'd Pardon, for he never had the least Disrespect to the Earl of ' *Devonshire*.

Lastly, *Sir Richard Holloway* spoke to this effect, ' That he as second ' Judge pronounc'd the Fine 30000 l. which was set *Nemine contradicente*, and if a lesser Fine had been propos'd, he should have accepted ' it, and did not justify the Proceedings, but look'd on it as an excessive ' Fine,

* Fine, and begg'd my Lord *Devonshire's* Pardon, and submitted all to
 * their Lordships.

The Lords ask'd them, whether they had no Discourse together before concerning the said Fine, Sir *Robert Wright* denied it; and Sir *Richard Holloway* declared, he had no Direction from either the King or Chancellor concerning the said Fine. But Mr. Justice *Powell* appealed to the Memory of Sir *Richard Holloway*, that there was a Discourse of the Fine five or six Days before at the Lords Chancellors; and said, 'The Lord
 * Chancellor first propos'd twenty thousand Pounds, but afterwards said
 * it would be better if thirty thousand Pounds, and then the King might
 * abate ten thousand; to this he declared his dislike to the other Judges, but not before the Chancellor.

After Debate, the House were of Opinion, 'That the Court of King's
 * Bench in over-ruling the Earl of *Devonshire's* Plea of Privilege of Par-
 * liament, and forcing him to plead over in Chief, it being the usual time
 * of Privilege, did thereby commit a manifest Breach of the Privilege of
 * Parliament. And that the Fine of thirty thousand Pounds impos'd by
 * the Court of King's Bench upon the Earl of *Devonshire* was excessive
 * and exorbitant, against *Magna Charta*, the common Right of the Sub-
 * ject, and the Law of the Land. And on *May 7th* the House heard the
 Judges, what Cases and Precedents there were in the Laws, for the com-
 mitment of a Peer of this Realm in Execution for a Fine. And on *May*
 15. their Lordships heard the Persons, who had given Judgment against
 the Earl, what they could say for themselves to justify their Proceedings;
 and the King's Council upon a Weeks notice did give their Attendance,
 but did offer nothing therein. Whereupon, after full Consideration, their
 Lordships did affirm their former Judgment, and did farther declare and
 adjudge, 'That no Peer of this Realm at any time ought to be committed
 * for the Non-payment of a Fine to the King.

When he had obtain'd this Right and Honour to be done unto him-
 self, and his Fellow Peers, and to his and their Posterity. He was as
 much concern'd for redressing the Injuries done unto the Commons, and
 to the particular Sufferers among them. He promoted a Repeal of se-
 veral unjust Attainders; and helpt to prevail in the House of Lords to ap-
 point a Committee, 'to examine who were the Advisers and Prosecutors
 * of the MURDERS of the Lord *Russel*, Collonel *Sidney*, Sir *Thomas*
 * *Armstrong*, Mr. *Cornish*, and others. He was so averse to all manner
 of Injustice and Oppression, that he was always Ready to protect and de-
 liver the very Enemies of the Government from any illegal Hardship. He
 remember'd his Master King *William's* Saying, 'That He came over to
 * defend the Protestants, and not to persecute the Papists. Those Roman
 Catholick Gentlemen, who liv'd near him in the Country peaceably and
 quietly, he treated as Neighbours and Friends, and they bore a great Res-
 pect to Him, and shew'd it by attending his Funeral in a very decent man-
 ner. Yet in all publick Debates and Consults, the Duke was a steady and
 magnanimous Opposer of Popery and *French* Power: He hated the very
 Name

Name of a Tyrant; his Pen was never sharp but on that Subject.

O despicable State of all that groan
Under a blind Dependency on One!
How far inferior to the Herds that range
With Native Freedom o'er the Woods and Plains?
With them no Fallacies of Schools prevail,
Nor of a Right Divine the nauseous Tale,
Can give to one among themselves the Pow'r,
Without Controul his Fellows to devour:
To reasoning human Kind alone belong
The Arts to hurt themselves by reasoning wrong.

In this bright Poem, which he entituled, *An Allusion to the Bishop of Cambray's Supplement of Homer*: He gives the Bishop, who had been Præceptor to the D. these soft Words,

There is in Virtue sure a hidden Charm
To force Esteem, and Envy to disarm;
Else in a flatt'ring Court you ne'er had been design'd
T' instruct the future Troublers of Mankind.

It is acknowledg'd by all that convers'd with him, that his Lordship had a Reverence for the Scriptures, and read them with a diligent Eye, and defended whatever he thought the fundamental Doctrines in them. He look'd deep into the Socinian Controversie, und declar'd his Judgment freely against those Pretenders to Reason; and was as much offended at any Advocates who (he thought) help'd to betray the Orthodox Cause. He treated the Bishops with great Esteem and Respect, and all the Clergy with a decent regard to their Function; and never made his Company uneasy to them or to any others by a prophane Jest, or by any shocking Expression. His greatest Rebuke to a Clergy-Man who Medled in some Affairs, which his Lordship thought not pertinent to him, was only this, *Sir, remember you are to preach on Sunday next.*

In January 1690 he attended his Majesty to the glorious Congress at the Hague, and out-shin'd most of the Princes there: His Plate and Furniture were so magnificent, that the sight of them drew a greater concourse of People to his House than to any other Palace. He invited several of the Sovereign Princes to Dinner, and the King to be *incognito* among them. Upon the Siege of Mons he waited upon his Majesty to the Camp, and returned to England without any Complaint of the Trouble or Expence.

April 30, 1694. he was created Marquis of Hartington and Duke of Devonshire, which with his Garter and white Staff, and Justiceship in Eyre, and Lieutenancy, was as much Honour as an English Subject could enjoy; but that the Reasons given for conferring this Honour were in themselves a mighty Addition

tion to it: For the Preamble to his Patent did acknowledge, ' That the King and Queen could do no less for one who had deserved the best of them: One, who in a corrupted Age, and sinking into the basest Flattery, had Constantly retain'd the Manners of the Ancients, and would never suffer himself to be moved, either by the Insinuations, or the Threats of a deceitful Court, but equally despising both; like a true Asserter of Liberties stood always for the Laws, and when he saw them violated past all other Redress, he appealed to us; and we advising with him how to shake off that Tyranny, he, with many other Peers drawn over to us by his Example and Advice, gave us the greatest Assistance toward gaining a most absolute Victory without Blood; and so restoring the ancient Rights and Religion, &c.

Upon the Death of the Queen in *December* following, he express'd his own Grief and the publick Loss in an Ode compos'd by him with great Passion and Judgment; which Mr. *Dryden* is said to have preferr'd above all that was written on that Occasion. He was a Poet not by Genius only, but by Learning and Judgment. The Lord *Roscommon* made him a constant Reviser of his immortal Lines. He was a Master of *Horace*, and would talk of the other Ancients with great Relish and Knowledge. He had nothing prophane or indecent in any Line: Between the Wit and the Gentleman, he knew the Difference, and nicely observ'd it.

When after the Queen's Death, the Administration of the Government in the King's Absence, was to be intrusted in the Hands of his honourable Subjects, the Duke was one of those *Lords Justices of England* for seven successive Years, a continual Honour that hapned to no one other Peer, save to him and the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

In the Case of Sir *John Fenwick*, he had a Conviction of his Guilt, and therefore an Abhorrence of his Person, and yet so tender was he of the Forms of Law, and so averse to any extraordinary Judicial Proceedings, that for fear of leaving a Precedent that might hereafter be misunderstood and misapplied, he could not come into that Bill: For without regard to the Authority of others, he always followed his own Judgment. As he did eminently in another Bill for the Resumption of Estates in *Ireland*, which he opposed with Reasons unanswer'd, and declar'd upon Honour, That he would never recede from a Report in that Matter.

Upon Her Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, he was continued in his high Office, and other Stations, and served the Queen with a grateful Reverence to the Memory of the King. A Report was industriously spread, that a Project had been form'd in Prejudice to Her Majesty's Succession to the Crown, and that a Paper tending that way was to be found among the Papers of the late King. At the Desire of the House of Lords, the Duke was one of the prime Ministers appointed by Her Majesty to inspect the said Papers; and soon after they did severally declare in the House,

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House, ' That they did not see or find any Paper or Papers tending to
 ' the Prejudice of Her Majesty, or her Succession to the Crown, in any
 ' Respect whatsoever; or which might give any Ground or Colour for
 ' such Report. Upon which it was resolved by the Lords Spiritual and
 ' Temporal, ' That the said Report was groundless, false, villanous and
 ' scandalous, to the Dishonour of the King's Memory, and tending to
 ' the disservice of her present Majesty.

In the King's Funeral he was one of the Supporters to Prince *George of Denmark*, chief Mourner. At the splendid Coronation of the Queen, he was again Lord high Steward of *England* for that solemn Day, and bore the Crown between the Dukes of *Richmont* and *Somerset*, till he presented it at the Altar. In Parliament he was active for securing the Protestant Religion, and for declaring War against *France* and *Spain*, and for supporting her Majesty in her Alliances, to carry on the common Cause of *Europe*. And within this first Year of her Majesties Auspicious Reign, he was one of the Commissioners on the part of *England* to treat of an Union between the two Nations: He was now in the Attempt, and within few Years in the Accomplishment, of his great Work.

While the Bill for preventing *Occasional Conformity* was depending, he was at the Head of the Managers of the Conference with the Commons, *December 17. 1702.*, and reported the Sense of a Committee appointed to inspect the Records: ' That they had found many acts with Penalties begun in the House of Lords, and other Acts with Penalties begun in the House of Commons; yet encreased lessened or altered by the House of Lords. After this, he reported from another Committee of Lords the Reasons drawn by them for insisting on their Amendments to the Bill, to which the House agreed. And when another Bill of like Nature was sent up to the Lords in another Session, he made a Speech against it, and had the Satisfaction to see it oppos'd by a greater Majority. In which Proceedings it does appear, that the Duke acted upon these Principles; *That* the Protestant Interest ought to be united against the Common Enemy: *That* Protestant Dissenters, under a Law of Ease and Liberty, should not be made Subject (especially in a time of War) to any Appearances of Persecution: *That* the Papists and profess'd Enemies of the Government were labouring to promote a greater Separation from the Church of *England*, and would make their Advantage of such an Act; *That* *Occasional Conformity* might not be always owing to Hypocrisie, because it had been the Practice of the most charitable Dissenters, when they had no Place or Profit depending on it: *That* Peace and Unity, obtain'd by Moderation, would make the establish'd Church most safe and happy: *That* her Majesty, by Royal Clemency to all Protestant Natives and Strangers, would best maintain her just Character of being Head of the Protestant Interest in *Europe*: And farther, *That* the Toleration had had such visible and good Effects, had contributed so much to the Security and Reputation of the Church of *England*, and had produced so good a Temper amongst the Dissenters, that they ought not to give the least Dis-

Discredit to that Act; especially when Liberty of Conscience, and gentle Measures were most proper, and had been found most effectual, toward the encreasing the Church, and diminishing the number of Dissenters: And lastly, That it was very apparent, how all the Papists, and other Persons disaffected to the Revolution and the present Government, did not conceal their wishing and soliciting for this Bill, which they would not do if they had not a turn to serve by it.

He alluded to the warm Debates on this Occasion when he wrote these Lines, as from the Mouth of a Fury hovering over a Place of great Assembly.

*From a contagious Vapour I will blow,
Within these Walls breaches shall wider grow:
Here let imaginary Fears prevail,
And give a Colour to affected Zeal;
From trivial Bills let warm Debates arise,
Foment Sedition, and retard Supplies.*

The Duke was again a Manager for the Lords, in a free Conference with the Commons in March 1704-5, in the great Case of *Ashby and White*, wherein the Rights and Privileges of the Two Houses, and the Liberty and Protection of the People, and the Regularity of Writs of Error, &c. were argued and defended with great Learning and Judgment.

In April following he waited on the Queen to Cambridge, and was there created Doctor in Law with the Dukes of Grafton and Bolton, his own Son the Marquis of Harrington, and many others of the Nobility and Gentry. He had before receiv'd a Titte which he esteem'd an Honour at Oxford: For he had a great Respect for the Universities, and dislik'd no part of the Education in them; only that he thought the young Men were many of them warm'd with Politicks, before they understood the Constitution of their Country. He was however tender of the least Reflexion on them; he recall'd himself in these Lines, with good Nature and Temper.

*Say Muse, (since no Surprise or foreign Stroke
Can hurt her guarded by her Walls of Oak,
Since wholesom Laws her Liberty transfer
To future Ages) what can Albion fear?
Can she the dear bought Treasure throw away?
Have Universities so great a Sway?
The Muse is silent, cautious to reflect
On Mansions where the Muses keep their Seat.
Barren of Thought and niggardly of Rhime,
My creeping Numbers she forbids to climb,
Vent'ring too far, my weary Genius fails,
And o'er my drooping Senses sleep prevails.*

In the next Session of Parliament, the Duke distinguish'd himself in those

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Debates, that at last happily ended in this Resolution of
Dec. 14. 1705. both Houses presented to the Queen, ' That the Church
' of *England*, as by Law established, which was rescued
' from the extremest Danger by King *William III.* of Glorious Memory,
' is now by God's Blessing, under the happy Reign of her Majesty, in a
' most safe and flourishing Condition, &c.

In the next Year, he was by her Majesty appointed in
Apr. 6. 1676. pursuance of an Act of Parliament, to be one of the
Commissioners, to treat of a nearer Union between the
Two Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*, having his own Son the Marquess
of *Hartington* join'd with him, among the many honourable and worthy
Persons, in whose *Fidelity, Ability, Prudence, Industry, Diligence and*
Circumspection, the Queen did repose and especial Trust and Confidence. It
is observable, that as the Progenitors of this Family
Bruce and Cecil. brought about the first happy Conjunction in the Person
of King *James I.* So their Posterity now help to settle
the nearer and more complete Union between the two Kingdoms; which
they zealously promoted in the Meetings of the Commissioners, and faith-
fully confirm'd in their Two Houses of Parliament; with sufficient Se-
curity to the Church of *England*, a singular Glory to Her Majesty's Reign,
and a common Happiness to *Great Britain*.

After a severe Indisposition, that would not yeld to
1707. the Art of the best Physitians, he sunk extremely in his
Body, without any Alteration in his Mind and Senses, and
with a full Prospect of Death, and a Christian Preparation for it, He de-
parted about Nine in the Morning, *Monday August 18.* in *Devonshire*
House, Pickadillee, in the 67th Year of his Age.

Some Persons had the vain Wickedness to boast, that he died, in their
Language, *like a Man*, and in their nicer Phrase, *like a Gentleman*; but
whatever they mean, He died with repeated Professions of *Faith*, and
open Declarations of *Repentance*, and evident Tokens of *Charity*, and all
the Preparatory Offices of *Religion*; i. e. He died like a Christian.

In every publick Station, the Duke at all times was firm to the true In-
terests of the Crown, the legal Establishment of the Church, the antient
Privileges of the Peers, the fundamental Rights of the Commons, the e-
qual Balance of *Europe*, and the Original Liberties of Mankind. He lived
up to the Character he gives himself upon his Tomb, *A faithful Subject*
of Good Princes, a Hater of Tyrants, and hated by them: And therefore
he paid all the Duties of Honour and Obedience to the Queen, with a Heart
untainted and unshaken: Some of his last Lines were these.

Here A N N A reigns, a Queen by Heaven bestow'd,
To right the Injur'd and subdue the Proud.
As Rome of old gave Liberty to Greece,
A N N A th' invaded sinking Empire frees.
Th' Allies Her Faith, Her Power the French proclaim,
Her Piety th' Oppress'd, the World her fame.

F I N I S

APPENDIX.

NUM. I.

(Vid. p. 65.)

Epitaphium Henrici Cavendish Armig.

F A M Æ.

M. S.

Henrico Cavendishio

Guil. Equit. Aurati a Chatesworth in Agro Derb.

Filio natu Maximo

Ex matre clarissima Elivab. Hardwick ab

Hardwick in eodem Agro natâ, quæ quarto

Marito Georgio Salopiæ Comiti sexto

Innupta est

Viro Strenuo ac Forti

Ut qui unus (ex primis illis volonibus chiliarchis

Anglis Anno Cl^o IC LXXVIII) Nomen

Dederit Militiæ Belgicæ

Cujus erat Patiens ac Peritus pariter

Navus, Agilis, Acer

Ubi autem Negocia fecissent Otio Locum

Liberaliter Lauteq; ipsi indulgens

Ita tamen ut Splendidus

Ac Hilaris

Non Deses audiret

In hoc Agro

Armis Exuviisq; depositis

Et in Parietes fixis

Latet Sceleton expectans

Pro Fame clangore tubæ

Classicum Resurrectionis

Obiit XII die Octobris

Anno Æræ Christianæ

Cl^o ICC XVI.

NUM. II.

(Vid. p. 66.)

EPITAPH of Sir **HENRY PIERREPOINT**
in the Church of Holm Pierrepoint Com. Notting.

HERE lieth the Body of
Sir *Henry Pierrepoint*, Knight,
Who in his Life time abounded
With Charity, and many other Vertues,
For whom the Lady *Frances Pierrepoint*,
Eldest Daughter of Sir *William Cavendish*,
Of *Chatsworth*, Knight, and the most noble
And renowned Lady *Elizabeth* his Wife,
Late Countess of *Shrewsbury*,
Caused this Monument to be made,
Being the least of many Testimonies
She hath given of her great and
Dear Affection towards him,
He died the nineteenth Day
Of *March*, in the Year of our
Lord God 1615. Aged 69 and an half.

NUM. III.

(Vid. p. 61.)

EPITAPH of **ELIZABETH** Countess of
Shrewsbury in the Church of All-Hallows, Derby.

P. M.

Elizabethæ Joh. Hardwike de Hardwike,
In Agro Derb. Armigeri Filix
Fratricque Johanni tandem Cohæredi,
Primò Roberto Barley de Barley
In dicto Com. Derb. Armig. Nuptæ,
Postea Will. Cavendish de Chatsworth

Equi

Equiti Aurato Thesaurario Cameræ
Regibus Henrico Octavo, Edwardo Sexto,
Ac Mariâ Reginâ, quibus etiam fuit

A secretioribus Consiliis,

Deinde Will. St. Low Militi Regi;

Satelliti; Capiteo, ac ultimo

Prænobili Georgio Comiti Salopiæ

Desponsatæ.

Per quem Will. Cavendish prolem

Solummodo habuit Filios tres scilicet

Henricum Cavendish de Tutbury in

Agro Staff. Armig. (qui *Graciam* dicti

Georgii Comitis Salopiæ Filiam in

Uxorem duxit) sine Prole legitima defunctum,

Willielmum in Baronem Cavendish de Hardwike,

Necnon in Comitem Devonix per serenissimum

Nuper Regem Jacobum erectum.

Et Carolum Cavendish de Welbeck Equ. Aurat.

Patrem Honoratissimi Will. Cavendish,

De Balneo Militis, Baronis Ogle

Jure maternò, & in Vicecomitem

Mansfield, Comitem, Marchionem & Ducem

De Novo castro super Tinam, & comitem

De Ogle merito creati.

Totidemque Filias scilicet *Franciscam*

Henrico Pierrepont Equ. Aurato,

Elizabetham Carolo Stuart Lenoxiæ Comiti

Mariam Gilberto Comiti Salopiæ

Enuptas.

Hæc inclitissima Elizabetha Salopiæ Comitissa

Ædium de *Chatsworth, Hardwicke, & Oldcotes.*

Magnificentia clarissimarum Fabricatrix.

Vitam hanc transitoriam

Xiii. Die Mensis Februarii,

Anno ab Incarn. Domini MDCVII;

Ac circa Annum Ætat. suæ lxxxvii,

Finivit ac gloriosam expectans

Resurrectionem subtus jacet tumulata.

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N U M. IV.

(Vid. p. 72.)

Epitaphium Gulielmi Cavendish primi Com. Devon.

ARCHIVA

M. S.

GULIELMO CAVENDISIO

Ex iisdem Parentibus secundo genito Filio,

Qui & hic etiam trabeam reliquit

Viro,

Ad omnia nato

Quæ recte facienda sunt

Simplicique Virtute Mererenti magis

Quam captanti Gloriam.

Quem cum primum titulo Baronis de Hardwick.

Et postea Comitis Devon. Regum oculatissimus,

JACOB. B. M. & M. B. Rex insigniret,

Non tam Hominem quam Honorem

Cohonestare visus est.

Provinciam sustinuit

Quali peritia integritate ac laude

Ipsam * roga.

Fama communis non mentitur

Vir

Non sæculi sui sed omnis Ævi Optimus

Neque filendus, neque Dicendus

Sine cura.

Laboris ac Fidei capacissimus.

Actu otiosis simillimus

Nihil sibi vendicans

Eoque assequens omnia

Cui

Cum modice ac plano solo se condi

Mandavisset

Majore Pietate quam impensa

* Imaginem

Famæ cum tu-
ba decoratam.

H. M.

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H. M. F. C.

H.

Obiit iii. Die Martii Anno Æra ejusdem
CIC ICC XXV.

N U M. V.

(Vid. p. 119.)

A Speech of the Lord CAVENDISH in a Committee of the whole House, for considering how to secure the Kingdom against Popery and Arbitrary Power, Dec. 15. 1680.

S I R,

WHEN I consider the Immunities and Advantages we enjoy by the excellent Composure of our Government both in Church and State; how the King as Sovereign enjoys all the Prerogative that can be necessary to make him either great or happy; and the People all the Liberty and Privilege that can be pretended for their Encouragement to be industrious, and for securing to themselves and Posterities the Enjoyment of what they get by their Industry; and how the Doctrine of our Church is void of idolatrous and superstitious Opinions, and the Government of Tyranny and absolute Dominion: I cannot but admire, that there should be any body amongst our selves that should aim at any Alteration, and be the Occasion of this Day's Debate.

But, Sir, it is too evident that such there are, and that they have made a great Advance to effect their Design by many Contrivances, which they have pursued for a long Course of Years, according to the Results and Consultations held by Jesuits for that purpose: But above all by perverting to their Religion *James Duke of York*, the presumptive Heir of the Crown, and by engaging him to espouse their Interest with that Zeal and Fervency which usually attends new Converts, especially when so great a Glory is proposed as the rooting out of a pestilent Heresie out of three Nations, and the

the saving of so many Souls as would depend thereon.

The sad Effect of this Conversion we have felt for many Years, it having had the same Operations in our Body politick, as some sorts of lingering Poison have in Bodies natural; made us sick and consumptive, by infecting and corrupting all the Food and Physick which have been applyed, in order to reduce us to Popery and Slavery, worse than Death itself. From this fatal Act, the Declination of the Grandeur of this Monarchy may be dated, and to the Consequences thereof, its absolute Ruin (if not timely prevented) will be hereafter attributed.

This being our Case, I could not but admire to see this House so long a coming to consider this weighty Point: In-somuch that I began to persuade my self, that either our Dangers were not so great, as our Discourses upon some other Occasions had represented them; or that we were not in good earnest to endeavour any Redress. It is true, when we consider what ill Fortune we have had with our Bill lately sent up to the House of Lords, in having it thrown out in such a Heat, without so much as a Conference (though whenever they shall consider of it in cool Blood, they will find there can be no other way to secure the Protestant Religion) we may with some reason be discouraged.

But I hope, Sir, that seeing our Country have thought us worthy to be their Representatives, we shall not be so easily daunted in what so nearly concerns them; but be as indefatigable in finding out ways for our Preservation, as our Enemies are to find out means for our Destruction; hoping we shall not always meet so bad Success in the House of Lords: For tho' the too much Kindness of some Men who pretended to be for the Bill, but underhand made a Party against it, did this time operate as fatally as Enmity disguis'd in Friendship used to do; yet, I hope, that in another Occasion we may have better Success, not doubting but a great many Lords, when they are persuaded that they shall not be able to find out any other way (as I hear they begin to despair they shall) to secure the Protestant Religion, that they will joyn with us in the same, or some other Bill to the same purpose.

pose. Especially, my good Lords the Bishops, who cannot be presumed to have made Peace with Rome, but to be ready to die for the Protestant Religion, and therefore doubtless will not long stick at joyning in a Bill to save it.

But, Sir, seeing that according to the course of Parliaments we are not like to bring this to a Tryal for a long time, I am of Opinion, we had best try something else : And altho' I know not what other Act can be made to serve instead of that, but will either prove too weak or too strong ; yet seeing we are put upon it we must try, that so we may not be represented as stubborn. And therefore I humbly move you, that a Bill may be brought in for the Association of all his Majesty's Protestant Subjects.

N U M. VI.

(Vid. p. 130.)

A Speech of the Lord CAVENDISH in the House of Commons upon the Debate, That all other Methods for suppressing Popery would be ineffectual without the Bill of Exclusion, January 7. 1680-1.

Mr. Speaker,

SIR, I am fully persuaded, that we cannot be secure neither of our Religion, nor Peace and Quietness, without *this Bill* : yet seeing we are not like to have it at this time, I am for going on with those other Bills that are a foot, that we may try if we can get them. Seeing we cannot do all the Good we would, let us endeavour to do all the Good we can. But I am ready to agree in the Vote that was proposed, that it is the Opinion of this House, that neither the King's Person, nor Protestant Religion, can be secured any other way, provided it be not intended to bind the House from trying what may be done by other Laws ; lest Advantage should be taken thereof to break this Parliament ; which I tremble to think of, because it will be attended with a great Ruin to our Affairs both Abroad and at Home.

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NUM. VII.

(Vid. p. 150.)

The true Copy of a Paper deliver'd by the Lord DEVONSHIRE to the Mayor of Derby, where he quartered the one and twentieth of November, 1688.

WE the Nobility and Gentry of the Northern parts of *England*, being deeply sensible of the Calamities that threaten those Kingdoms, do think it our Duty, as Christians and good Subjects, to endeavour what in us lies the healing of our present Distractions, and preventing greater. And as with Grief we apprehend the sad Consequences that may arise from the landing of an Army in this Kingdom from foreign Parts; so we cannot but deplore the Occasion given for it by so many Invasions made of late Years on our Religion and Laws. And whereas we cannot think of any other Expedient to compose our Differences, and prevent Effusion of Blood, than that which procured a Settlement in these Kingdoms, after the late Civil Wars, the meeting and sitting of a Parliament freely and duly chosen, we think our selves oblig'd (as far as in us lies) to promote it; and the rather because the Prince of *Orange* (as appears by his Declaration) is willing to submit his own Pretensions, and all other Matters to their Determination: We heartily wish, and humbly pray, that his Majesty would consent to this Expedient, in order to a future Settlement; and hope that such a temperament may be thought of, as that the Army now on foot may not give any Interruption to the Proceeding of a Parliament. But if to the great Misfortune and Ruin of these Kingdoms, it should prove otherwise, we farther declare, that we will to our utmost defend the Protestant Religion, the Laws of the Kingdom, and the Rights and Liberties of the People.

N U M. VIII.

(*vid. p. 151.*)*The DECLARATION of the Earl of DEVONSHIRE, and other the Nobility and Gentry assembled at Nottingham, November 22. 1688.*

WE the Nobility, Gentry and Commonalty of these Northern Counties assembled at Nottingham, for the Defence of the Laws, Religion and Properties, according to the freeborn Liberties and Privileges descended to us from our Ancestors, as the undoubted Brightlight of the Subjects of this Kingdom of *England* (not doubting but the Intringers and Invaders of our Rights will represent us to the rest of the Nation in the most malicious Dress they can put upon us) do here unanimously think it our Duty to declare to the rest of our Protestant Fellow Subjects, the Grounds of our present Undertaking.

We are by innumerable Grievances made sensible, that the very Fundamentals of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, are about to be rooted out by our late Jesuitical Privy Council, as has been of late too apparent, *First*, by the King's dispensing with all the established Laws at his pleasure. *Secondly*, By displacing all Officers out of all Offices of Trust and Advantage, and placing others in their Room, that are known Papists, deservedly made incapable by the established Laws of this Land. *Thirdly*, By destroying the Charters of most Corporations in the Land. *Fourthly*, By discouraging all Persons that are not Papists, and preferring such as turn to Popery. *Fifthly*, By displacing all Honest and Conscientious Judges, unless they would, contrary to their Consciences, declare that to be Law, which was meerly Arbitrary. *Sixthly*, By branding all Men with the Name of Rebels, that but offered to justify the Laws in a Legal Course against the Arbitrary Proceedings of the King, or any of his corrupt Ministers. *Seventhly*, By burthening the

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Nation with an Army, to maintain the Violation of the Rights of the Subjects, and by discountenancing the established Religion. *Eightly*, By forbidding the Subjects the Benefit of Petitioning, and construing them Libellers, so rendring the Laws a Nole of Wax to serve their Arbitrary Ends. And many more such like, too long here to enumerate.

We being thus made sadly sensible of the Arbitrary and Tyrannical Government, that is by the Influence of Jesuitical Councils coming upon us, do unanimously declare, that not being willing to deliver our Posterity over to such a Condition of Popery and Slavery, as the asoreraid Oppressions do inevitably threaten, We will, to the utmost of our Power, oppose the same, by joining with the Prince of *Orange* (whom we hope God Almighty hath sent to rescue us from the Oppressions aforesaid) and will use our utmost Endeavours for the Recovery of our almost ruin'd Laws, Liberties and Religion; and herein we hope all good Protestant Subjects will with their Lives and Fortunes be assistant to us, and not be bugbear'd with the opprobrious Name of Rebels, by which they would fright us to become perfect Slaves to their Tyrannical Insolencies and Usurpations; For we assure our selves, that no Rational an Unbias'd Person will judge it Rebellion to defend our Laws and Religion, which all our Princes have sworn at their Coronation: Which Oath how well it hath been observ'd of late, we desire a free Parliament may have the Consideration of.

We own it Rebellion to resist a King that governs by Law; but he was always accounted a Tyrant, that made his Will the Law; and to resist such a One, we justly esteem no Rebellion, but a necessary Defence: And in this Consideration, we doubt not all honest Men's Assistance, and humbly hope for, and implore the Great God's Protection, that turneth the Hearts of his People, as pleaseth him best; it having been observed, that People can never be of one Mind, without his Inspiration, which hath in all Ages confirmed that Observation, *Vox Populi est vox Dei*.

The present restoring the Charters, and reverting the oppressive and unjust Judgment given on *Magdalen* College Fellows, is plain, are but to still the People, like Plumbs to Children, by deceiving them for a while: But if they shall by this Stratagem be fool'd, and this present Storm that threatens the Papists be past, as soon as they shall be resettled, the former Oppression will be put on with greater Vigour; but we hope, in vain is the Net spread in the sight of the Birds: For *First*, the Papists old Rule is, That Faith is not to be kept with Hereticks (as they terms Protestants) tho' the Popish Religion is the greatest Heresie. And *Secondly*, *Queen Mary's* so ill observing her Promises to the *Suffolk* Men, that help'd her to her Throne. And above all, *Thirdly*, The Pope's dispensing with the Breach of Oaths, Treaties, or Promises at his pleasure, when it makes for the Service of *Holy Church*, as they term it. These, we say, are such convincing Reasons to hinder us from giving credit to the aforesaid Mock Shows of Redress, that we think our selves bound in Conscience to rest on no Security, that shall not be approved by a freely elected Parliament, to whom, under God, we refer our Cause.

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N U M. IX.

(*vid. p. 171.*)

Preamble to the Patent creating William Duke of Devonshire.

M A R I A R.

REX & REGINA, &c. Quam quanto conspectius in largiendis honoribus Principis Prærogativa eluceat, tanto magis prospiciendum sit, ut non nisi in dignissimos conferantur, ut gravissimum Judicium, quod de singulis constituamus, ab Universis collaudetur, ac tum demum pretium suum consequuntur, & vere æstimandi sunt Tituli, cum eos a reliquis secernimus, Quos propria Merita supra cæteros jam diu exultare, nihil certe aut Dignitati nostræ consultius, nihil, aut æquitatis, aut gratiæ nostræ Regiæ rationibus accommodatius esse poterit, quam ut Prædilectum & perquam fidelem Consanguineum & Consiliarium nostrum Gulielmum Devonix Comitem, Ordinis nostri Periscelidis Equitem, & Regii Hospitii nostri Seneschallum, multis Nominibus ex se Ornatissimum, ampliore adhuc redderemus, & Veterem Nobilitatem novis insuper insignibus accumulemus. Quid enim ei de Nobis optimè merenti minus referre possumus? Qui ut amplissimos Reditus summis honoribus sustentandis pares possideat, ita & omnem Vitiæ Offensam instituit, ut eisdem jure, sibi vindicare possit; adeoque in depravato sæculo, & ad scœdissimam Adulationem ruente, antiquos mores constanti rerinuit, neque Infidiantis Aulæ vel Blanditiis, vel Minis, se permoveri unquam passus est; sed utraq; pariter contemnens, velut libertatis antesignanus, a legibus semper stetit: Quæ quum palam violatæ, omni alio præsidio destituebantur, ad nos provocavit, & exterminandæ Tyrannidis Consilio cum eo communicato, ac pluribus Regni Provinciis, illius exemplo adhortationibusque in partes tractis, ad absolutissimam sine Sanguine Victoriæ & Avita Jura una cum Religione restituenda maximum Momentum attulit. Cujus quidem egregiam Laudem in perpetuum splendidissimæ Familiæ decus, ei usque ad ultimos Nepotes transmitti jubemus, & hinc etiam constare Volumus, Quantum Subditorum nostrorum immunitatibus faveamus, Qui præcipuos earum Propugnatores ad ælissimum dignitatis gradum evehendo censemus. Sciatis igitur, &c.

N U M. X.

(Vid. p. 172.)

On the Death of the late *QUEEN*, By the Duke
of DEVONSHIRE.

Poema est Pictura loquens.

LONG our divided State
Hung in the Balance of a doubtful Fate,
When one bright Nymph the gath'ring Clouds dispell'd,
And all the Griets of *Albion* heal'd :
Her the united Land obey'd,
No more to Jealousie inclin'd.
Nor fearing Pow'r with so much Vertue join'd.
She knew her Task, and nicely understood
To what Intention Kings are made ;
Not for their own, but for their People's Good,
'Twas that prevailing Argument alone
Determin'd her to fill the vacant Throne :
And yet with Sadness she beheld
A Crown devolving on her Head,
By the Excesses of a Prince misled,
When by her Royal Birth compell'd,
To what her God, and what her Country claim'd,
Tho' by a servile Faction blam'd,
How graceful were the Tears she shed !
When waiting only for a Wind,
Against our Isle the Power of *France* was arm'd ;
Her ruling Arts in their true Lustre shin'd,
The Winds themselves were by her Influence charm'd,
'Twas her Authority and Care supply'd
The Safety, which our want of Troops deny'd.

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Secure

Secure and undisturb'd the Scene
Of *Albion* seem'd, and like her Eyes serene;
Vain was th' Invader's Force, Revenge and Pride,
Maria reign'd, and Heaven was on our side.

The Scepter by her self unsought
Gave double Proofs of her Heroick Mind;
With Skill she sway'd it, and with Ease resign'd.
So the Dictator from retirement brought,
Repell'd the Danger that did *Rome* allarm,
And then return'd contented to his Farm.

3.

Fatal to the Fair and Young,
Accurs'd Disease ! how long

Have wretched Mothers mourn'd thy Rage,
Robb'd of the Hope and Comfort of her Age !
From the unhappy Lover's Side,
How often hast thou torn the blooming Bride !

Now like a Tyrant, rising by Degrees
To worse Extreams, and blacker Villanies,
Practis'd in Ruin for some Ages past,
Thou hast brought forth a general one at last.

Common Disasters Sorrow raise;
But Heav'n's severer Frowns amaze

The *Queen* ! a Word, a Sound,
Of Nations once the Hope and firm Support,
Wealth of the Needy, Guard of the Opprest,
The Joy of all, the Wisest and the Best:

A Name which Echo did rebound
With loud Applause from neighb'ring Shores,
Their Admiration, the Delight of ours,
Becomes unutterable now.

The Clouds in that dejected Court,
Where languishing *Maria* lay,
Want Pow'r to ask the News they come to know:
Silent their drooping Heads they bow,
Silence it self proclaims th' approaching Woe:
Even *Maria's* latest Care,

Whom

Whom Winter's Seasons, nor contending *Foe*,
 Nor watchful Fleets could from his glorious Purpose move,
 Intrepid in the Storms of War, and in the midst of flying
 [Deaths sedate,
 Now trembles, now he sinks beneath the mighty Weight,
 The Hero to the Man gives way,
 Unhappy Isle for half an Age a Prey,
 To fierce Diffention, or despotick Sway;
 Redeem'd from Anarchy to be undone
 By the mistaken Measures of the Throne.
 Thy Monarchs meditating dark Designs,
 Or boldly throwing off the Mask,
 Fond of the Power, unequal to the Task;
 Thy self without remaining Signs,
 Of ancient Virtue so deprav'd,
 As ev'n to wish to be enslav'd;
 What more than Human Aid could raise Thee from a State
 [so low,
 Protect Thee from thy self, thy greatest Foe?
 Something Cælestial sure, a Heroine
 Of matchless Form, and a Majestick Mien;
 Awful, respected, fear'd, but more belov'd;
 More than her Laws, her great Example mov'd,
 The Bounds, that in her Godlike Mind
 Were to her Passions set, severely shin'd,
 But that of doing Good was unconfin'd:
 So just, that Absolute Command,
 Destructive in another Hand,
 In hers had chang'd it's Nature, had been useful made;
 Oh had she longer staid,
 Less swiftly to her Native Heav'n retir'd!
 For her the Harps of *Albion* had been strung,
 The tuneful Nine could never have aspir'd
 To a more lofty and immortal Song.

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